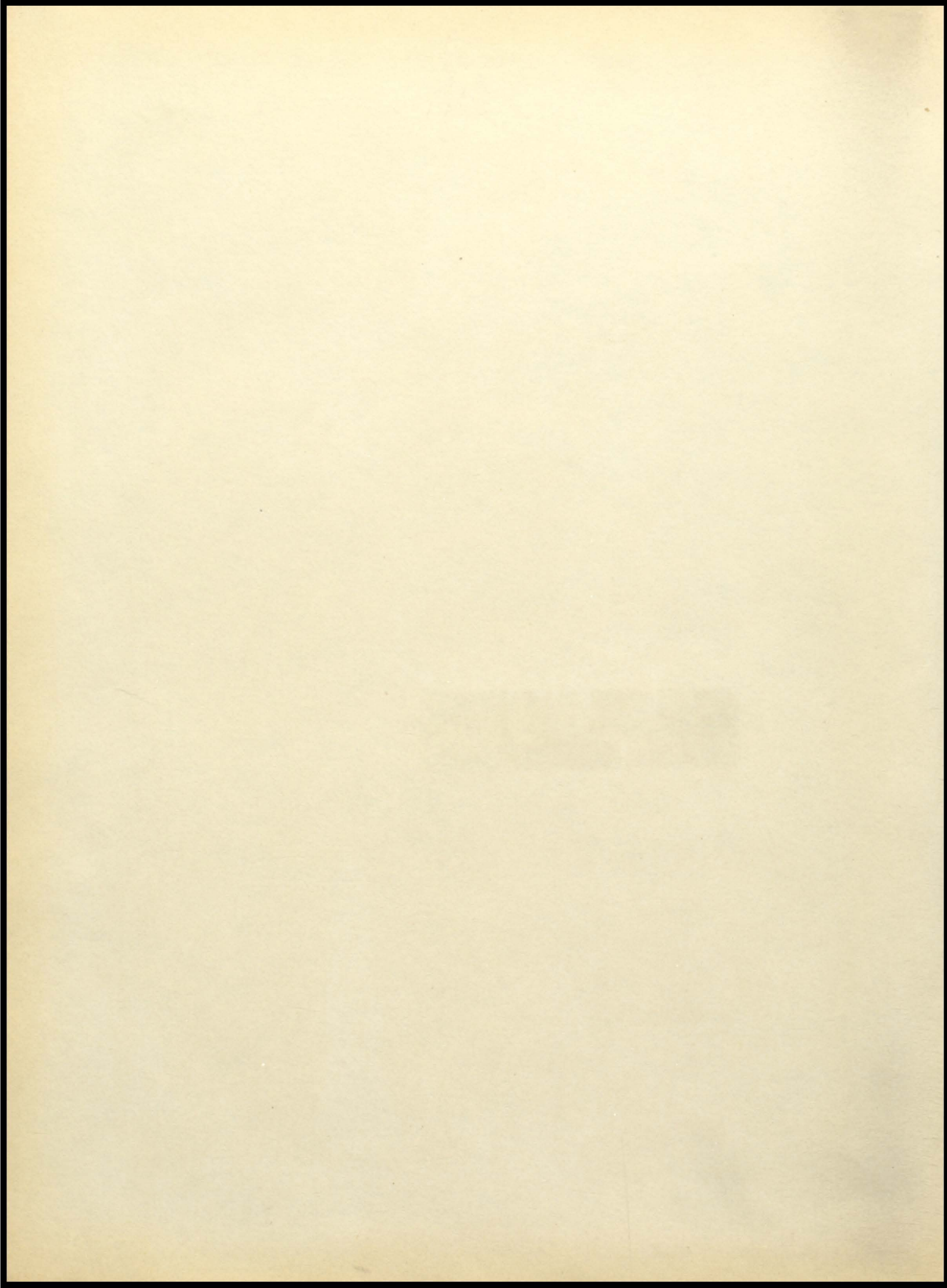


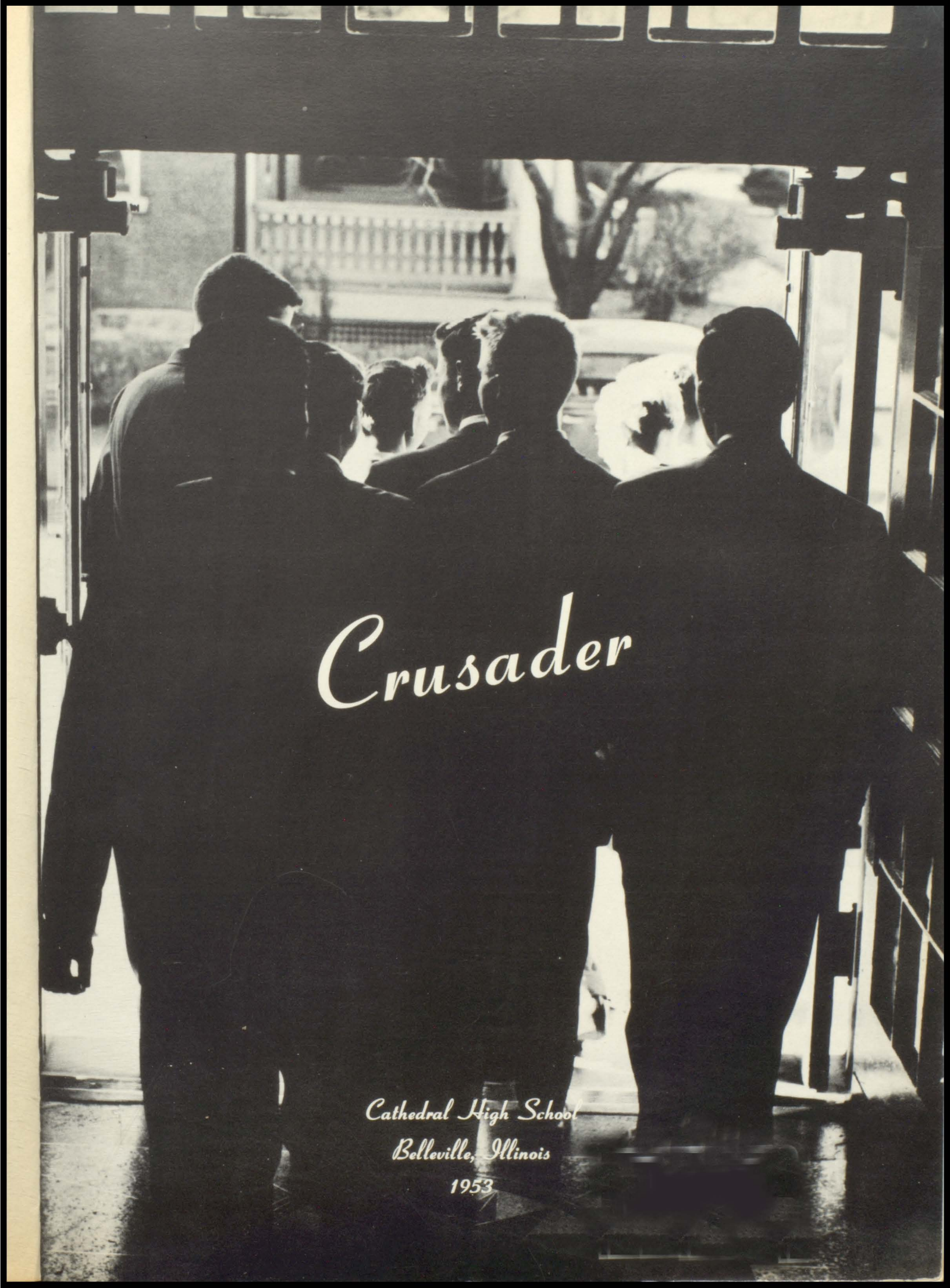
Crusader

1953







A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of several students standing in a doorway, looking out towards a bright outdoor area with trees and a building. The students are in the foreground, their forms dark against the bright light outside. The word "Crusader" is printed in a large, white, cursive font across the middle of the image, overlaid on the students' silhouettes.

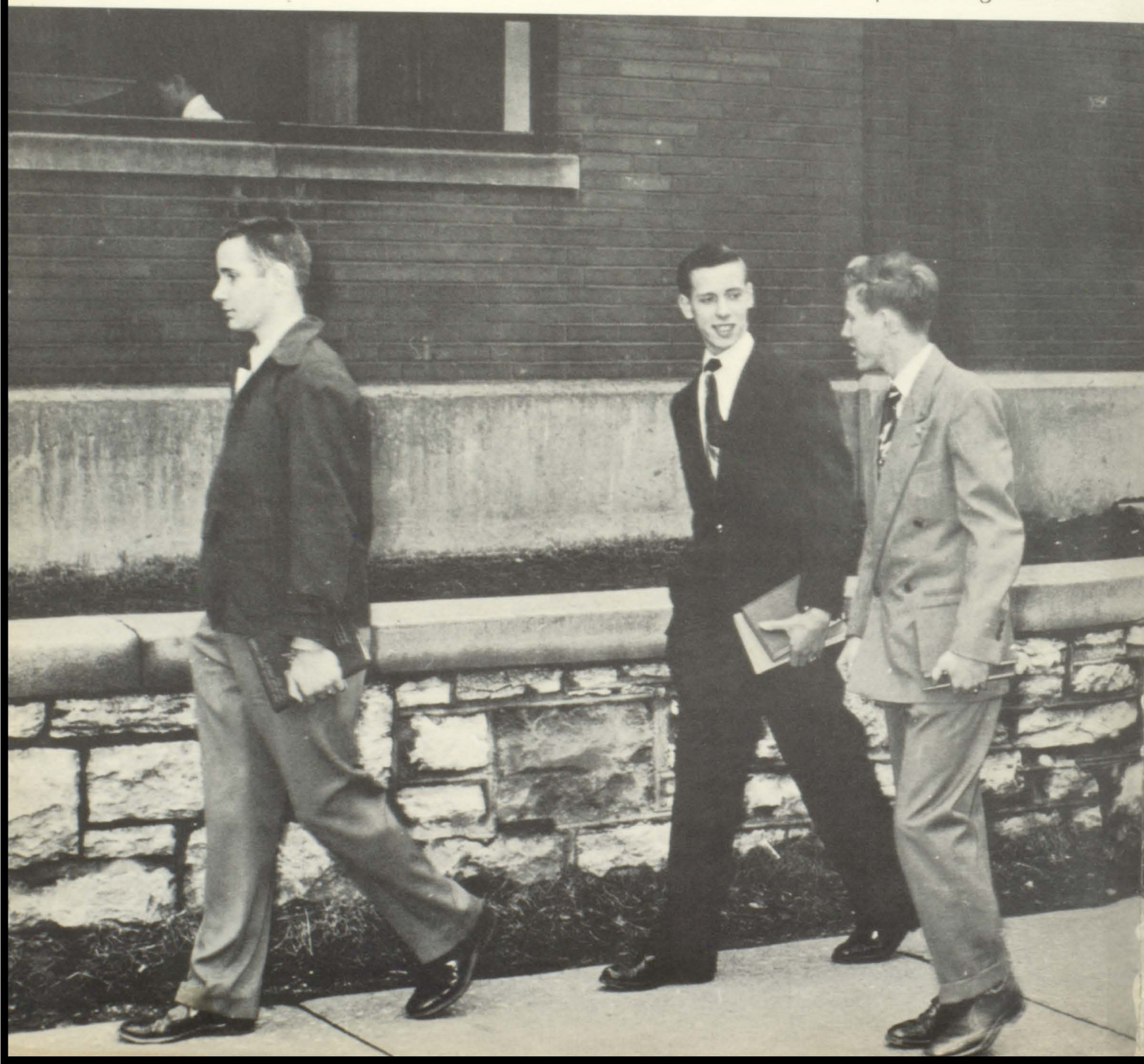
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*Cathedral High School
Belleville, Illinois
1953*

FOREWORD

Justly proud of our school and the leaders she has produced during the past forty-eight years of her existence, we are most happy to know that, leaders or follower, every Crusader, has done his part to help build our city into a modern and progressive "city beautiful."

Belleville is our home town. We are in love with it and in the pages which follow we hope to acquaint you with it. Our presentation, necessarily brief because of page limitation, has forced us to omit many religious, cultural, social, and industrial facts of interest. We omit the churches entirely because our book of '52 presented them so beautifully. Cognizant of these limitations in presenting our town



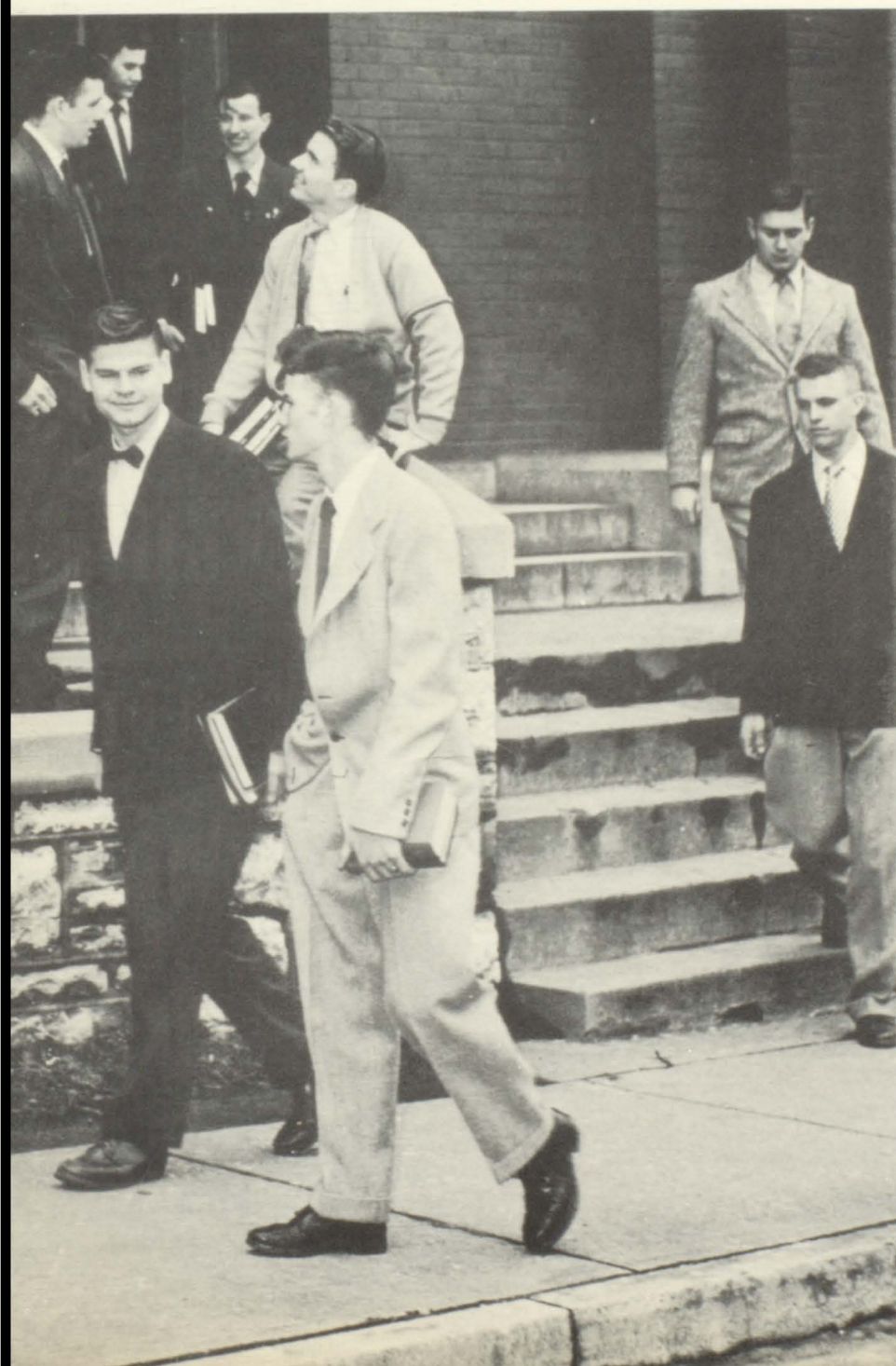
through the pages of the Crusader of '53, we are happy to extend to all our readers a personal invitation to visit our city of home owners.

We are a stable community with about eighty per cent of us owning our homes. We are principally of German extraction but lately became quite cosmopolitan through the development of our good

neighbor, Scott Air Force Base. We are quite proud to have become known as the neighborly town.

We humbly predict that in the near future, our fair city of Belleville, will advance even more rapidly than in the past. Good city government, reliable county officials, and your cooperation, will make Belleville really great.

**Proudly
We Invite
You
To Visit
Our City**

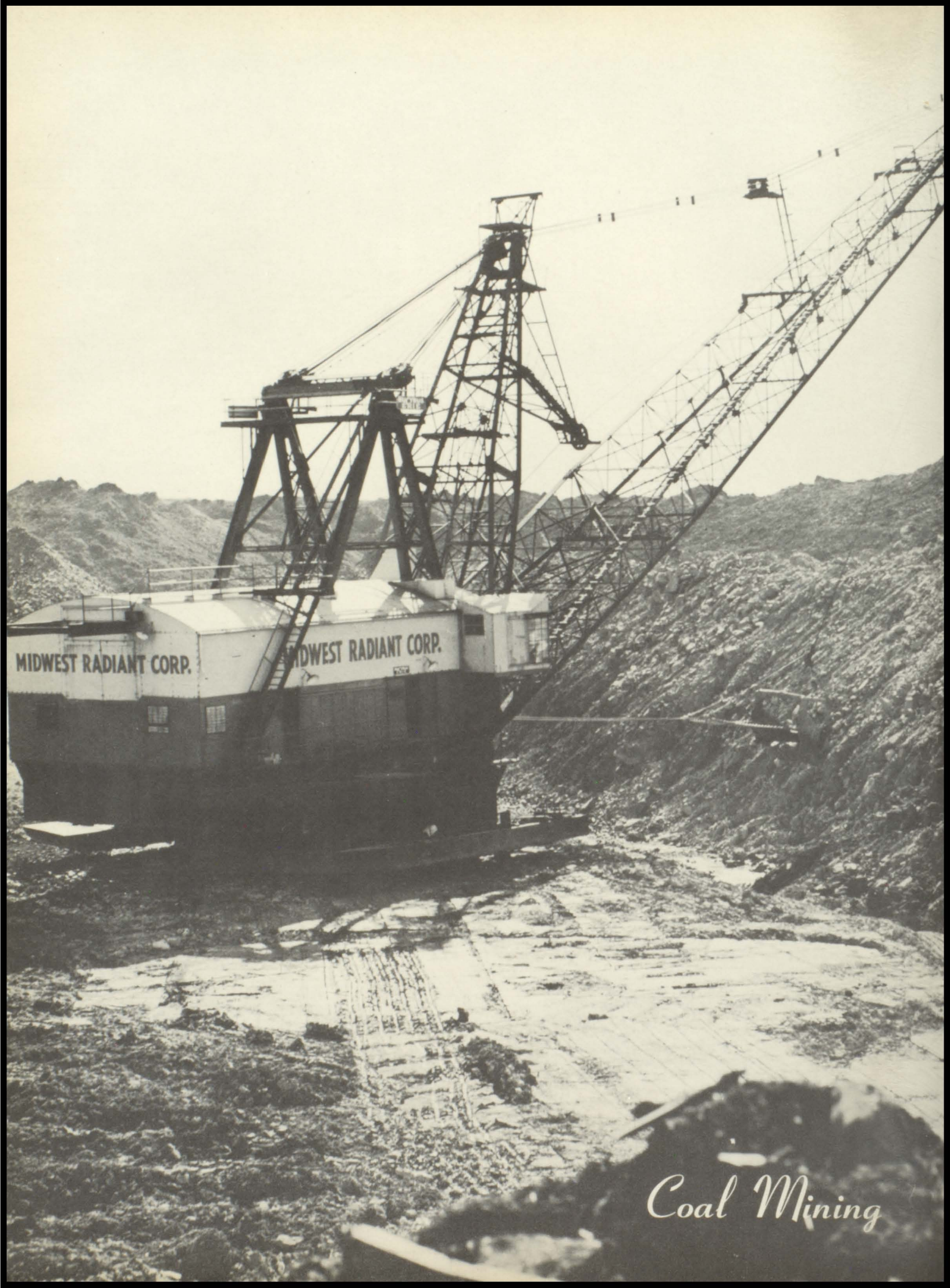




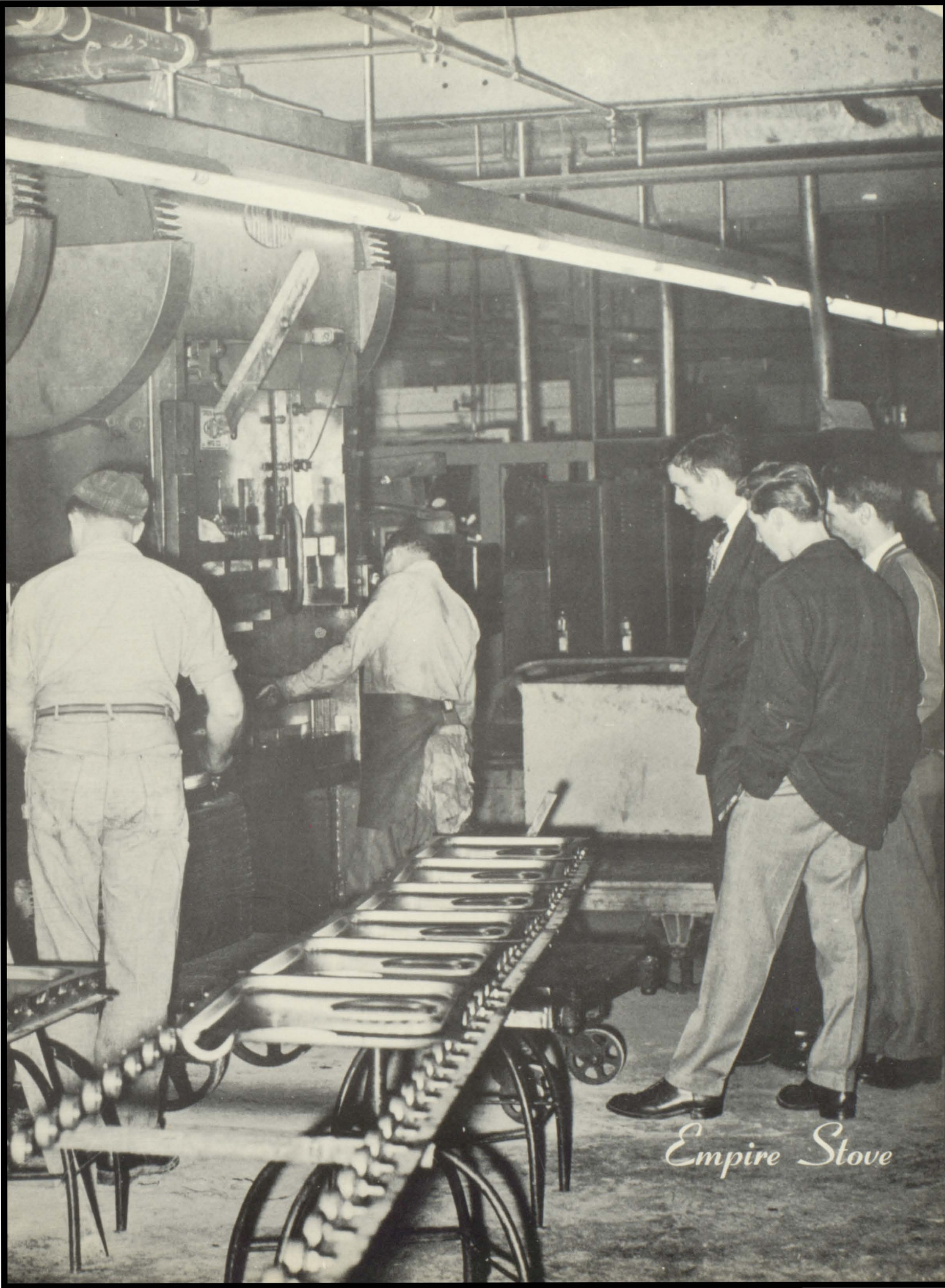
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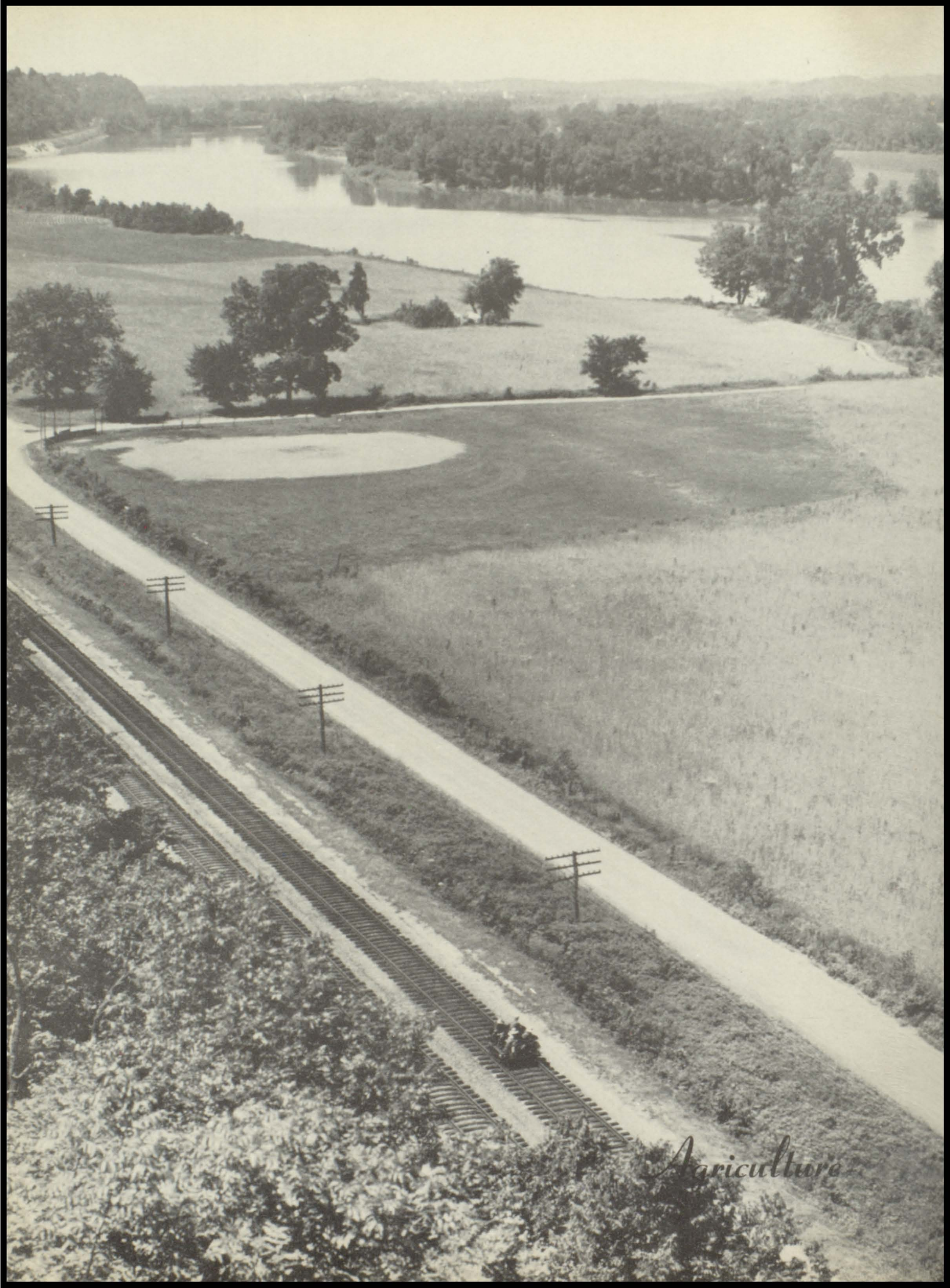
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Coal Mining



Empire Stove



Agriculture

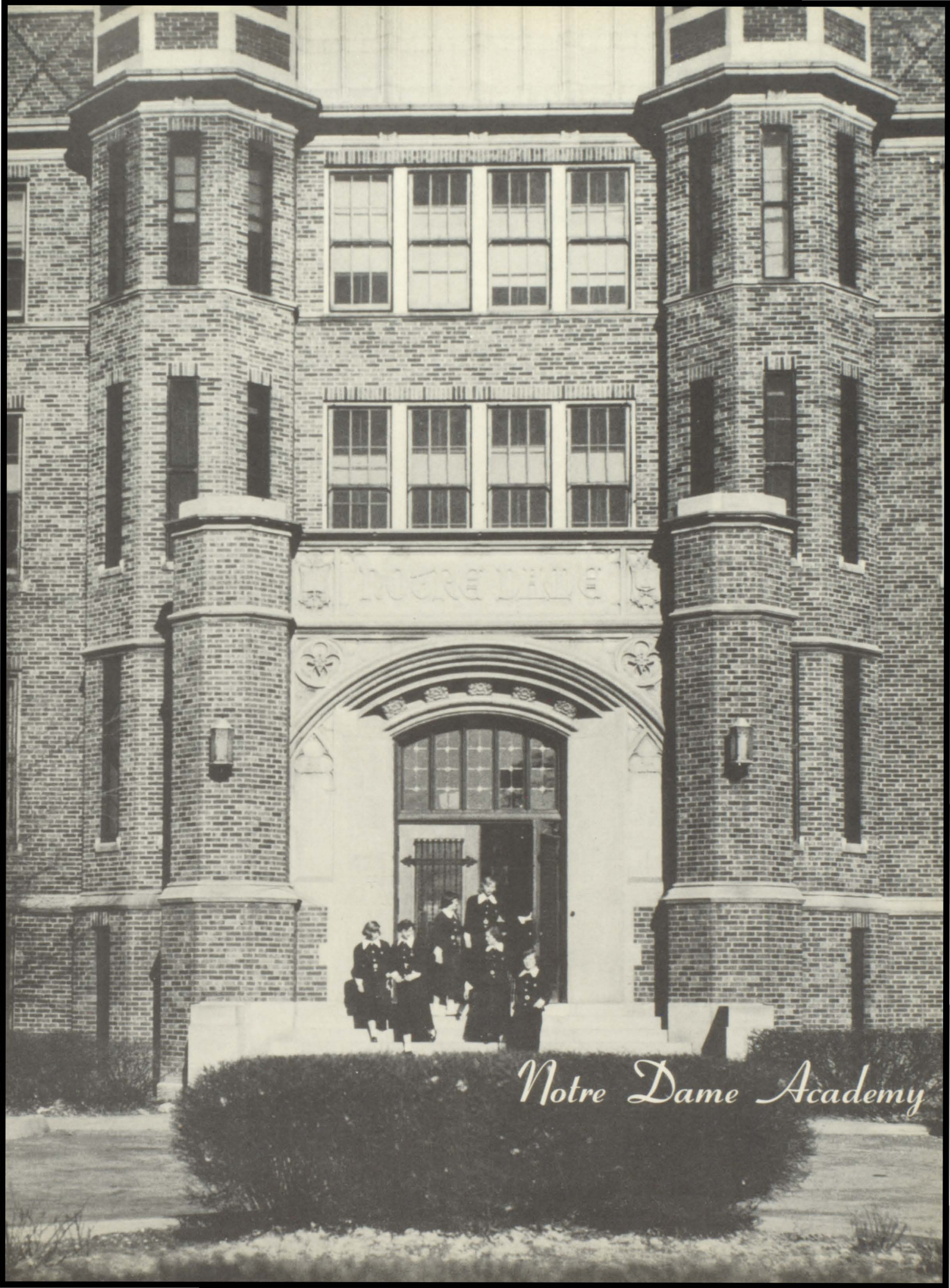


St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Architect View



Belleville Township High School



Notre Dame Academy



St. Henry's Seminary

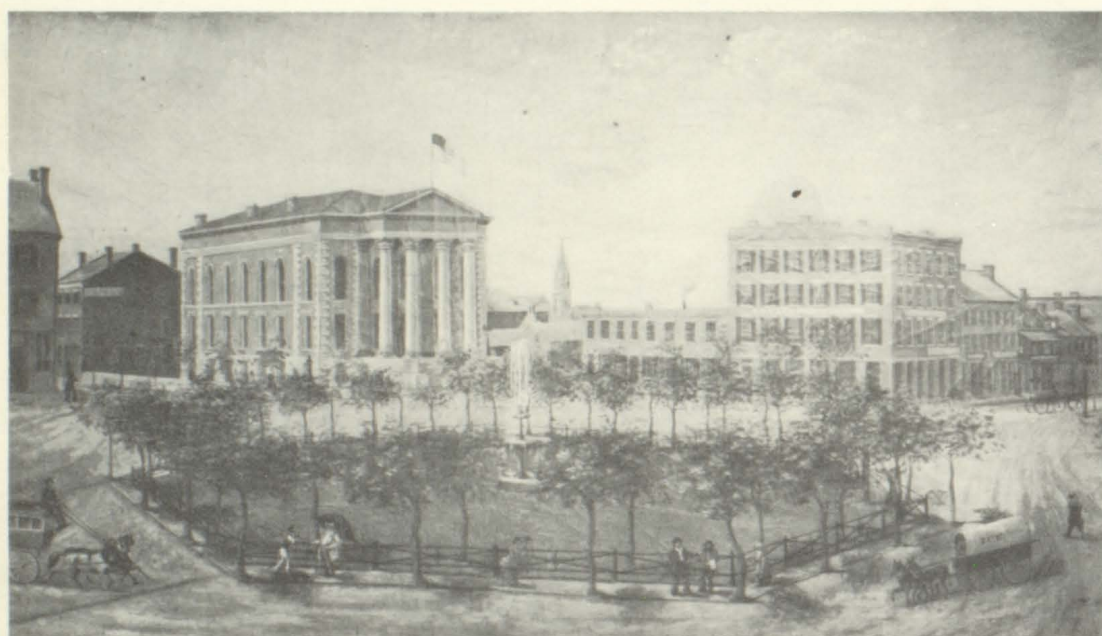
A black and white photograph of a multi-story brick building, identified as Cathedral High School. The building features a prominent central entrance with a portico supported by thick columns. Above the entrance, the words "CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL" are inscribed in large, raised letters. A large, rectangular window with a grid of small panes is located above the entrance. To the right of the entrance, there are several large, multi-paned windows. The building has a classic, institutional architectural style.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cathedral High School



Great-grandpa's Square!



Grandpa's Square!



Dad's Square!



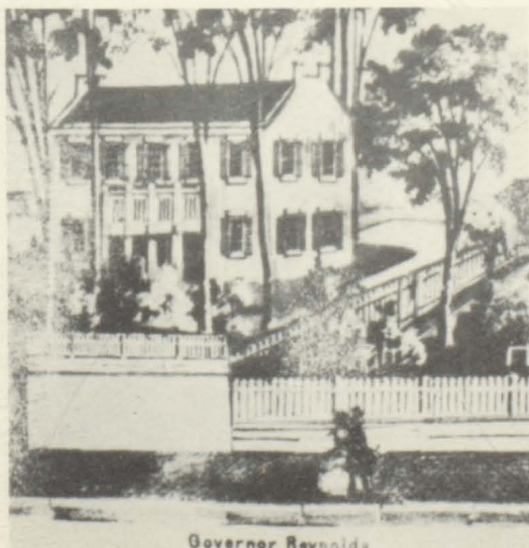
SCENES OF BELLEVILLE -- ABOUT 1859

My, how times have changed in Belleville!

OUR CITY

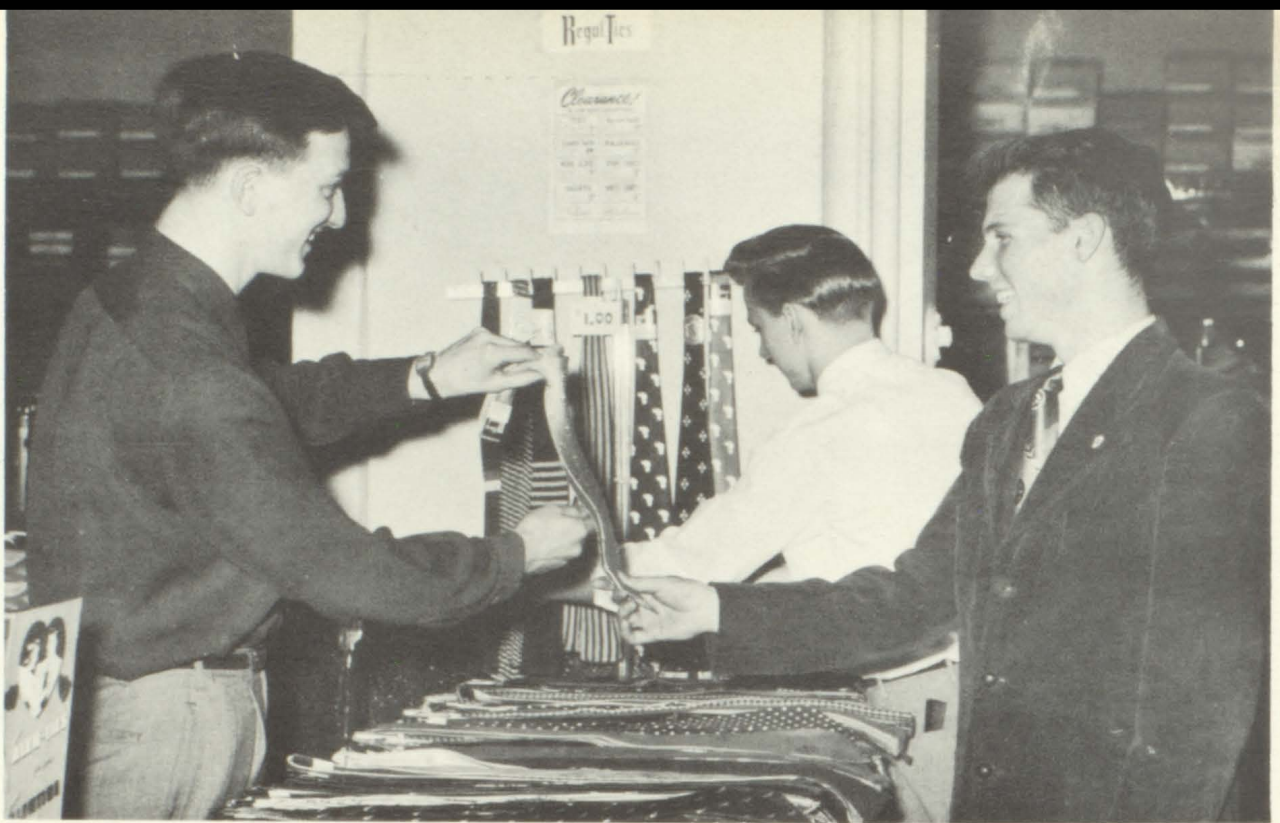
The territory of Illinois was cut out of Indiana territory, and on April 24, 1809, Ninian Edwards was appointed as the first territorial governor. Settled in 1806, Compton Hill, was selected in 1814 as the seat of St. Clair County and in 1819 when it incorporated as a village, the name was changed to Belleville—"Beautiful City."

Gov. Reynolds' home!



Governor Reynolds

George Blair's corn field was chosen as the location for the Court House and the streets were blocked accordingly around the area known as the Square. The first Court House was a two-story frame building erected in 1817 for \$1,525. In 1827 a new and larger Court House was necessary. A new structure finished in 1831 cost \$3,189.85. The present structure was completed in 1861 at a total cost of \$115,111.08.



An old grad shows Determan and Metzger some ties!

GROWTH and

Having no jail in the early days, the village of Belleville had its whipping post and pillory: "Where criminals, bound hand and foot, were made the unwilling recipients of from five to forty lashes, according to the offense or crime committed. There were two or three walnut trees in the vicinity of the public square, which were used to save the county the expense of erecting a special whipping-post, and there was witnessed the laceration and bleeding of many a poor fellow's back . . . It is believed, however, that only one man was ever punished in Belleville by being put in the pillory . . . Noble was exposed for about one hour in the pillory, which was erected about the center of the public square."



The old City Hospital



Belleville's City Hall

In addition to all the educational and industrial factors which have contributed much to the development and growth of Belleville in the past, we must point out our good neighbor, Scott Air Force Base, as an outstanding modern factor. Belleville is moving in that easterly direction. In the years to come, Scott will be an integral part of the city

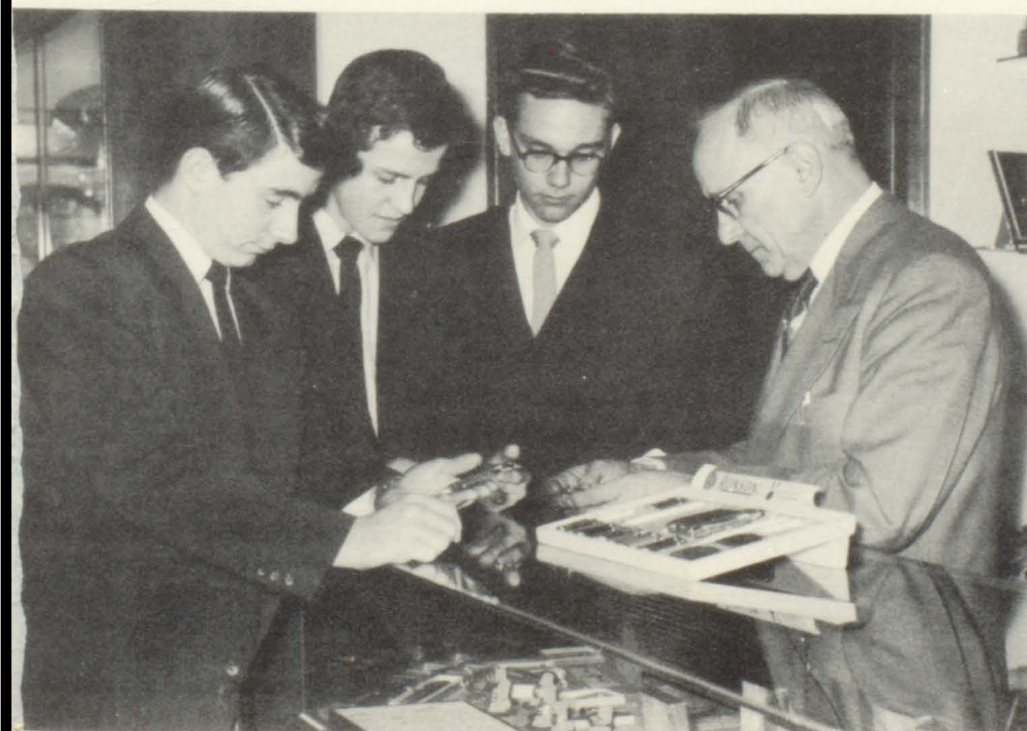
Belleville has grown to a city of some 35,000 residents with eighty-five per cent owning their own homes, thus making it a stable community, moral in character, and practicing Christians. We are proud of our city and its accomplishments. We are proud of our citizens and their contributions to society. We are especially proud of the truly gallant Crusaders, graduates of Cathedral High School, clergymen, business men, lawyers, scientists, laborers all, who today play a vital part in the growth and development of Belleville.

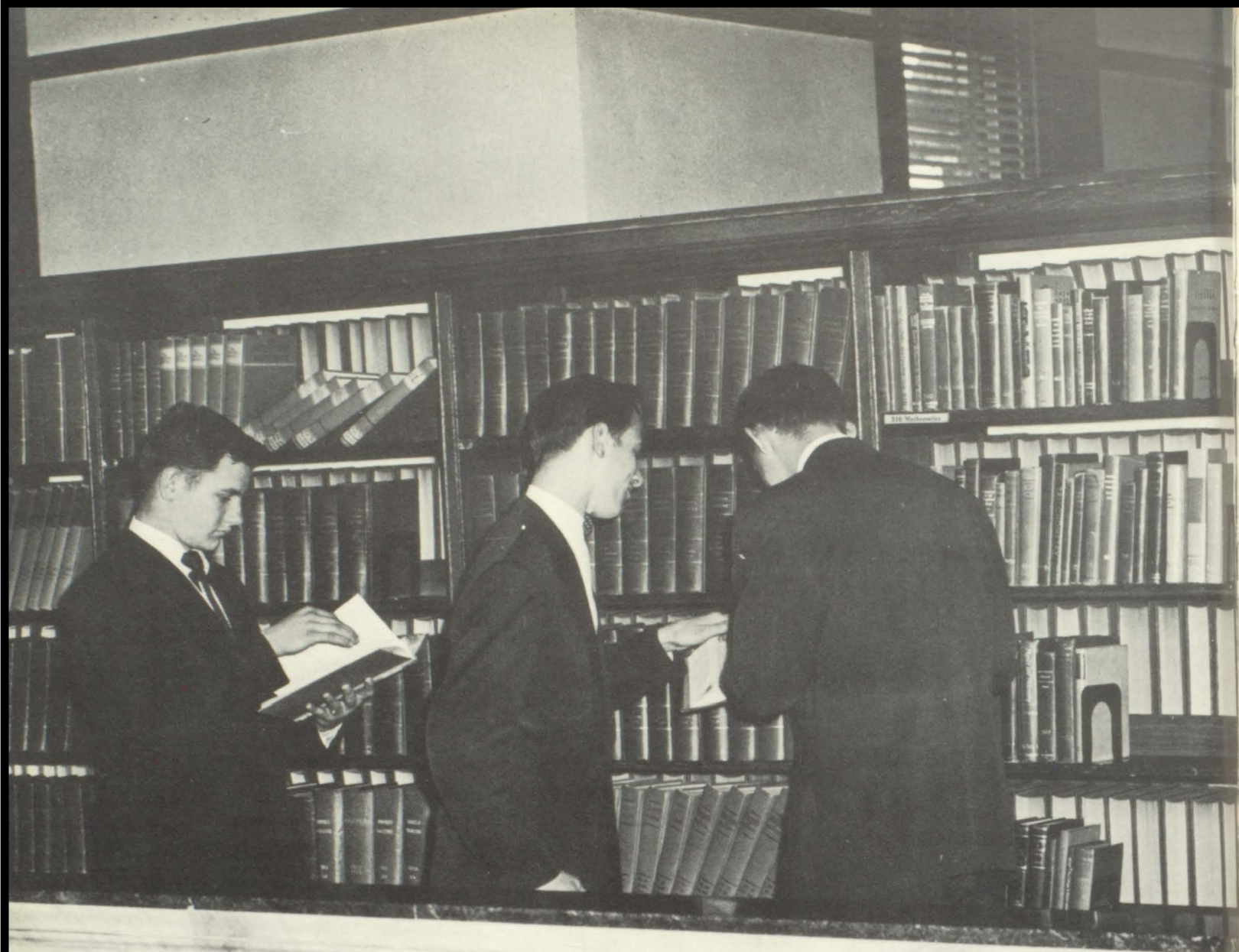
PROGRESS



Old Central High
Old Notre Dame
Old Cathedral High

Simmons visits an old grad's jewelry shop.





Public Library



We are proud of our mothers!

Educational opportunities in Belleville are many. Ten elementary grade schools tend to be the foundation of one junior high school supporting 2,500 pupils, with faculty members numbering 96. The elementary schools stress artistry in the basic subjects. Striving to bring values to the student in this great American life, the junior high school continues to develop the basic subjects. Belleville provides six Catholic grade schools and one Lutheran. Over two thousand Catholics and seventy-two Lutheran students attend these schools. Scattered throughout the city, all the grade schools are conveniently located, with spacious grounds and room in the provision of a breeding place of knowledge. Since the grade school is the first step in learning, all have been kept up to the minute.



Sam gets excited!

We work diligently to become draftsmen!





Freshman-Mothers' Day

CULTURE EDUCATION

The Belleville Township High School is one of the beauty spots of the city. With its large campus and beautifully arranged buildings, our friendly rival, offers excellent opportunities to the youth of Belleville.

The Junior College offers a two-year standard college course. The school is accredited by the University of Illinois and the State Department of Public Instruction. At present it is located in the rear of the high school buildings.

Bill Buss says!



Brother Ralph holds the interest of the physics students!

OPPORTUNITIES



Metze protests!



Schwarz approves it!

Cathedral High School is a four-year high school for boys under the direction of the Brothers of Mary. It is recognized by the Illinois State Department of Education, the University of Illinois, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Notre Dame Academy, a four-year high school for girls, is under the direction of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It has the same recognitions as those of Cathedral High School. ND supplies our cheerleaders each year.

Bro. Frank, Klapp is trying to copy from Leonard! Look!





We do our homework in the library and all our studying at home!

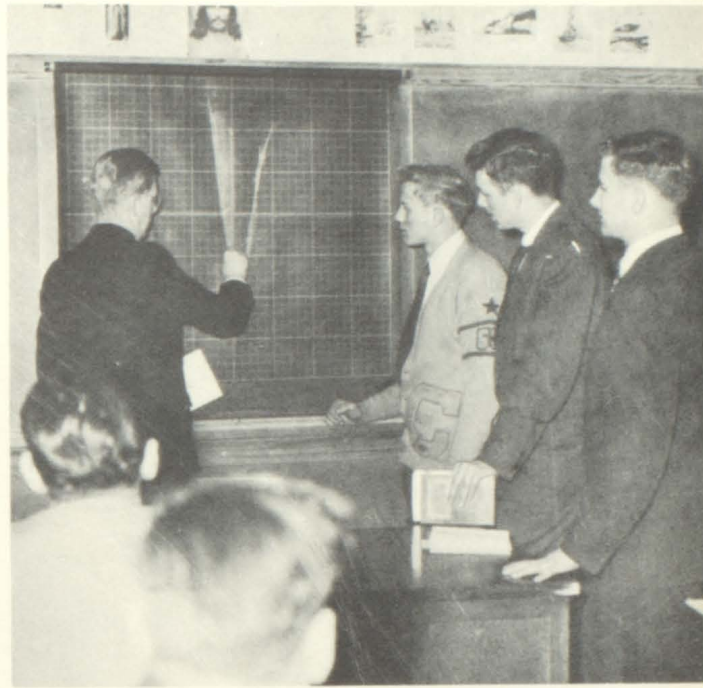
St. Henry's College is a preparatory seminary for students training for the priesthood. The good Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate are in charge of St. Henry's.

The Public Library is the first and oldest library in the State of Illinois. It has functioned continuously for over one hundred years and continues at present to be of great service to all of Belleville, especially those trying to further their education.

Monday nights found us in journalism class.



ADVANCEMENT



Bro. Norbert demonstrates a point in mathematics.

Metze has mike fright when Brother Haug asks him to record his voice!





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Scott Air Base

WE PLAY

On the night of September 12, the eve of the St. Mary's game, we had a tremendous pep rally, with the 1952 squad in the spotlight. We started the rally with a colorful parade through the city in shining convertibles, gaily trimmed in blue and gold streamers.

After the parade we went to our gym where Brother Francis Haug spoke briefly. The team, he said, though fairly small and inexperienced, had a fine chance of having a successful season.

The introduction of the players was next on the agenda. Jack Schulte, one of the co-captains, did the honors. Each player was cheered and applauded by the large attendance of students and parents.

The rally was wrapped up by the cheerleaders, leading the crowd in a practice session of cheers.

We had loads of fun at the Pep Rally to open the season!



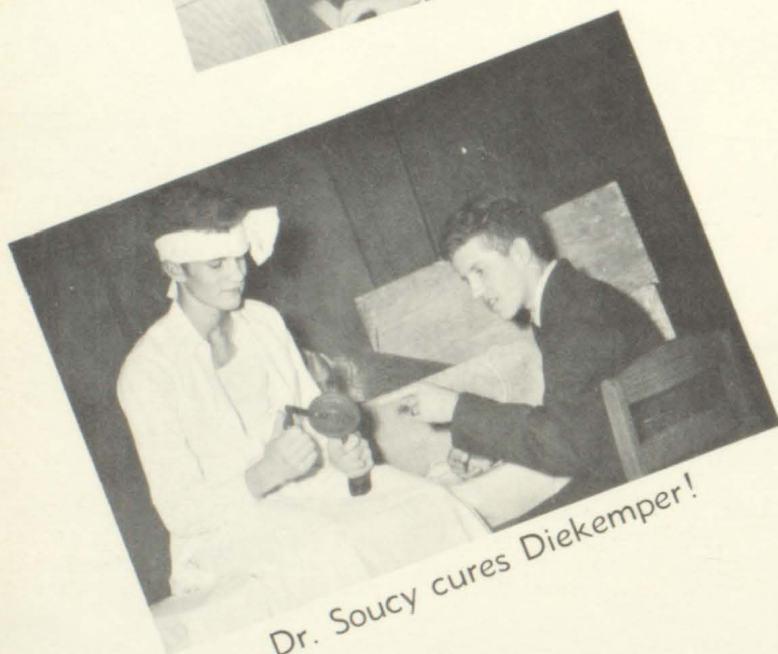
The Munie-Schwaegel duo!



Toot-toot Schoener!



Dr. Soucy cures Diekemper!



Hats off to Charles Beck and Jack Schulte for their splendid work in directing a most unique 1952 Talent Show. Their novel idea was carried out by setting the stage to represent a TV Screen, so realistically done the audience was surprised. Acts depicted programs such as "Wrangler's Club" and "Amateur Hour." Vin Koehr served as Master of Ceremonies.

Duke Caponi tickles King Neuner!





Joe pulls a stick-up at the Wrangler's Club!

Beck and Koehr prepare for Talent Show!

FUN FEST



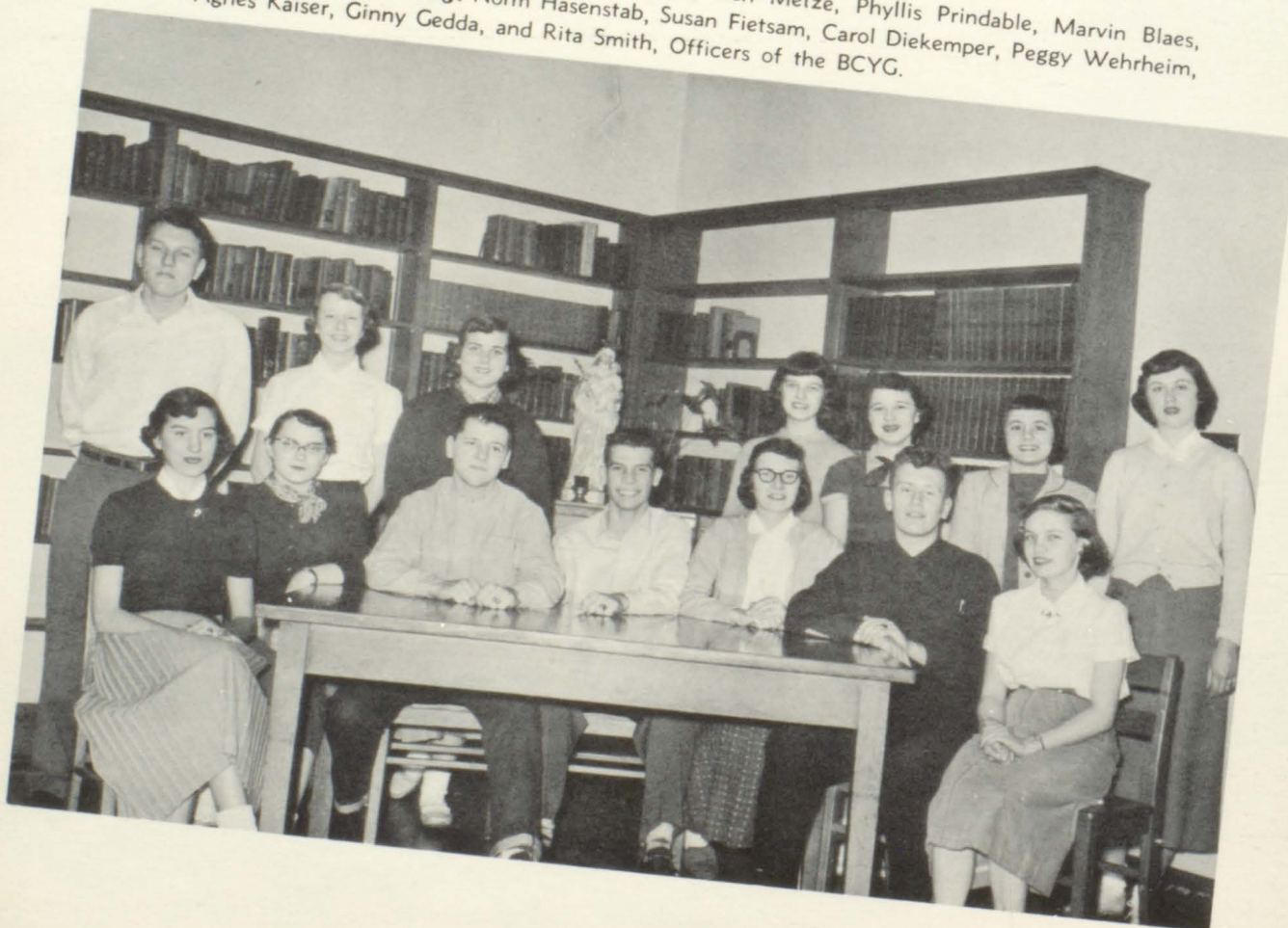


Much fun at Valentine Hop



Busy Father Kuhl.

Seated: Dee Lange, Margie Long, Vin Koehr, Ken Metze, Phyllis Prindable, Marvin Blaes, Jackie Thomas. **Standing:** Norm Hasenstab, Susan Fietsam, Carol Diekemper, Peggy Wehrheim, Agnes Kaiser, Ginny Gedda, and Rita Smith, Officers of the BCYG.



THE SOCIAL WHIRL



Joe Lett steps out!

The Belleville Catholic Youth Guild, composed of teenagers of the high school gang, has supplied us with a variety of dances and social events. This has been one of its best years in the six years of its existence. Four representatives, two boys and two girls from each parish, manage the BCYG.

This year's officers are: Ken Metze, president; Vin Koehr, vice-president; Joan Voetmann, secretary; and Phyllis Prindable, treasurer. These able leaders have worked earnestly to bring the teen public the best in entertainment.

According to the various seasons of the year, a variety of programs are sponsored. During the winter months, dances are in order. Skating parties, basket picnics, trips to the St. Louis Muny Opera, Lenten discussions and a one-act play contest are engaged in by all.

This year the club has given us such fine events as the Valentine Dance when the King and Queen of Hearts, Kenneth Metze and Phyllis Prindable, were chosen and the Easter Bunny Dance where the All-Catholic Boy and Girl are selected. The Lenten Discussions and one-act plays were also enjoyed.

Hats off to Father Kuhl and his officers for affording us so many occasions of fun and frolic in the best of surroundings!



Others had fun too!



Father Juergens told of Japan!

During the school year, CHS had quite a few assemblies. In these assemblies the students learned to be public speakers or gained more knowledge on various subjects.

One of the principal meetings which took place was that on Tuberculosis. The speaker brought a film which gave many statistics, causes, and cures of this disease. Juniors and Seniors were then given the test.



Opening of Catholic Digest Drive!

Another of the assemblies was the annual Catholic Digest subscription drive. In this one the students learned the importance of keeping good Catholic literature in their homes.

Prizes were awarded to those who brought in the most subscriptions. The first place prize went to John Long. Larry Conrad captured second place and Bob Giedemann third prize. Six others won salesmanship trophies.



On Thursday, October 16, Dennis Simmons, on behalf of the entire student body, presented Brother Gerard with a spiritual bouquet for his name day. Prayer is always greatly appreciated.

Other assemblies held during the year were on the Credit Union, the CHS Band, School Spirit, Catholic Press and the Library. The Crusader also sponsored Springfield Junior College Choral Club.

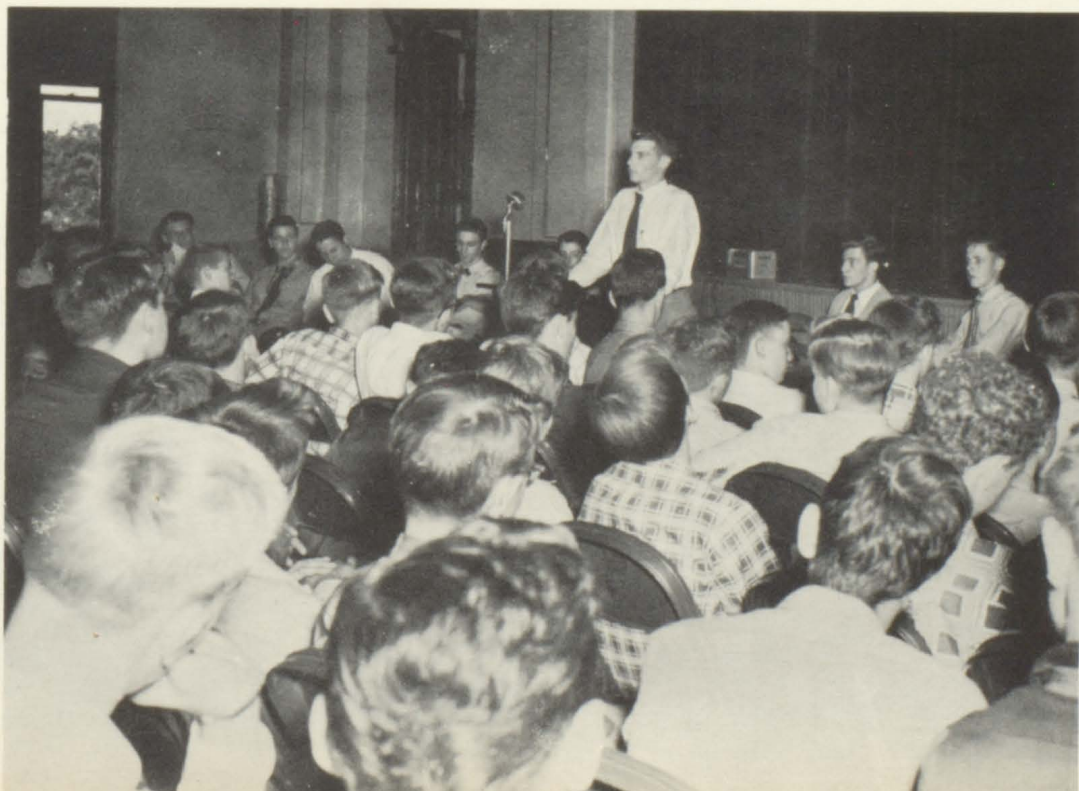
Simmons and the Dean make up!



Prefect Schulte tells us why!

KAFFE KLOTCH

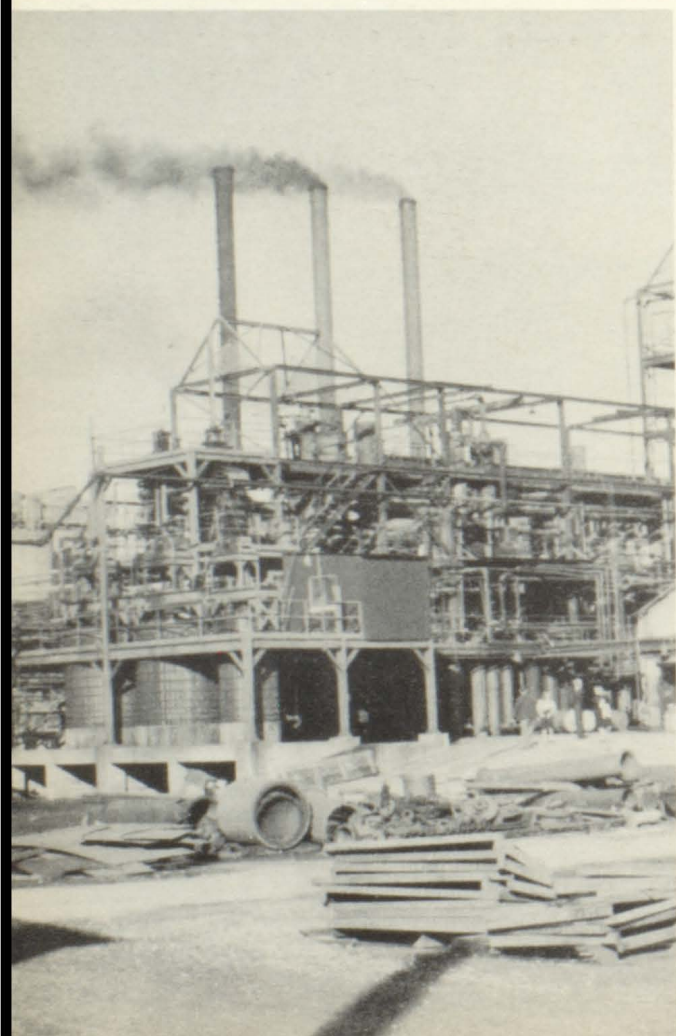
Metze klotches with us too!





Entrance to Scott Air Force Base, Belleville's good neighbor.

WE TRAVEL TO



In keeping with educational policies of CHS, the students interested in science, sociology, journalism, etc., are given every opportunity to travel to such places of interest as are in keeping with their respective courses. The Greater St. Louis Area abounds in places to which classes or clubs can be taken to help further our knowledge and we are happy to have visited some of them.

We visited Monsanto also!

Early in the year, Vic Hoffmann, Bob Diekemper, Jim Murphy, Yorker Wade, and Jerry Abegg, accompanied Brother Michael to the Carbondale press convention at Southern Illinois University. In October, Lippert, Wiltshire, Beck, Koehr, Moll, Karr, Nebgen, Schulte, Love, Erlinger, and Hanford attended the Illinois State High School Press Association meetings in Champaign where Brother Michael was elected President of the Illinois Association of Teachers of Journalism. In March several juniors attended a business clinic for paper staffs at Northwestern.

Champaign Conventioneers: Erlinger, Koehr, Moll, Hanford, Love, Beck, Nebgen, Schulte, Lippert, and Wiltshire.



LEARN



Tom Budde entertained us at S.I.U. Press Convention in September.

Bro. McCarthy, S.M.
Marianist



GUESTS

We found Bro. William McCarthy, Marianist vocational director, a most welcome guest here at CHS early in the year. His work is to stimulate priestly and religious vocations to secular seminaries and to any and all religious orders.

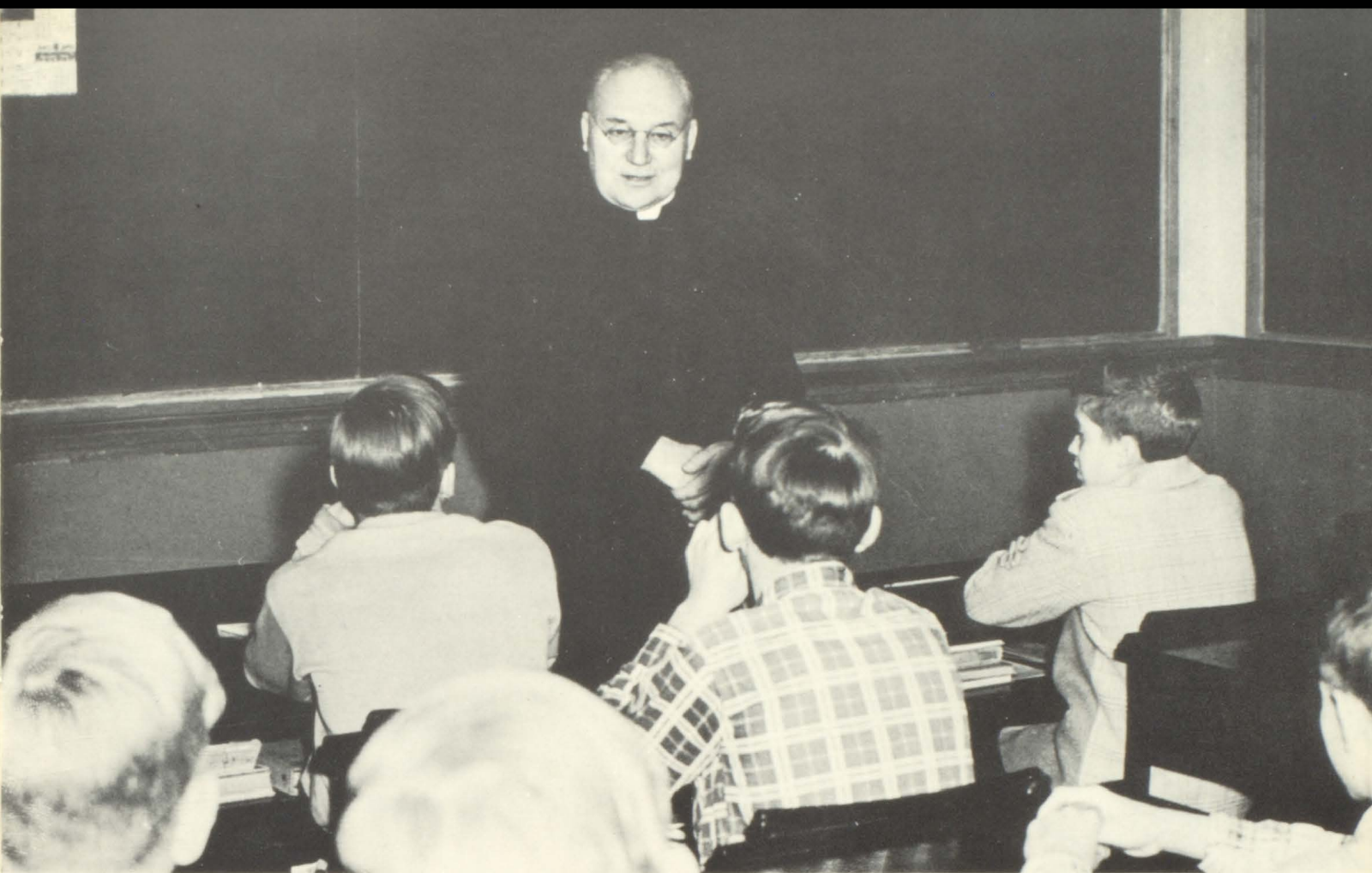
Bro. Bill enjoys his little joke!

OUR

We did a little visiting ourselves one day as we dashed out to WIBV to compete intellectually with the fair ladies from Notre Dame. All this took place to help out old Gutenberg. We won the match, natch!

Monsignor Bauer was our quiz master.





Father Resch was enthusiastic in talking to the freshies on the missions.

TEACH US

There's never a dull moment here at Cathedral High. Hardly two days go by that are just alike. The Brothers certainly supply us with many activities, guest speakers, student assemblies, etc.

This year we have had quite a few outstanding guests in the persons of Father Juergens, superior general of the Brothers, Father Peter Resch, provincial of the Brothers, and Brother Theodore Hoeffken, inspector of schools.

One afternoon mid loads of excitement we held a mock election and put in Stevenson by a very slim margin.

Getting Ballots
To Put Ike in.



WE SERVE

It is encouraging to note that more and more Cathedral High school students are continuing to serve God as altar boys. In doing so, they set a good example for future Crusaders.

The servers showed the younger people that it is not a wise thing to give up this privilege upon graduating from grade school.

The students consider it an honor to serve at Mass. They realize that during the celebration of the Mass, God is only a few feet from where they are kneeling. Therefore, we servers take great pride in representing the people who attend and also those who do not do so. Serving God we serve our neighbor.

Angels!

Archangels!

O God, look what Beck's doing now!



GOD

Father Cletus J. Cunningham, an assistant at St. Joseph's Parish in East St. Louis, gave the retreat at Cathedral High School on December 3, 4, 5. His various topics, "Being Frank in Confession," "Conduct On Dates," and "Questions On Marriage," kept the students' attention and will not be quickly forgotten.

The daily agenda consisted of an intermingling of meditation periods and conferences, climaxed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In the final event of the retreat, the new students were accepted into the Sodality by Father Piekarski, moderator of the Immaculate Conception Sodality.

Father Cunningham
Retreat Master



New Sodalists received by Father Piekarski.



PRAISE

A Sodality is a religious body having as its aim devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Those who belong to the Sodality must be active and devoted Catholics, living up to their faith.

The purpose of the Sodality is to imitate as nearly as possible the Woman who, from the time of the Immaculate Conception, served the desires of the Blessed Trinity in the fullest possible way that a human could.

The motto of the Sodality for its three hundred and seventy-five years of existence has been: TO JESUS THROUGH MARY.

General Sodality Meeting!



The Homeroom Prefects!

Our active Central Committee!

MARY'S

The Central Committee has as its purpose to organize, direct, and stimulate Sodality activities in the homerooms. Its functions are similar to a Student Council in other schools in dealing with the regular high school problems.

Much success of the school year depends on the work of the Central Committee. Members are selected from the seniors and prefects of the various homerooms.



1st: Schulte, Koehr, Sax, Kessebaum, Metze, Determan, Mueller, Ketterer, Thouvenot, Lippert. **2nd:** Klapp, Schobert, Orlet, Nebgen, Neff, Forrest, Hasenstab, Soucy, Simmons. **3rd:** Buss, Hall, Hoffmann, Vander Pluym, Lett, Lanter, Beck, Leonard, Birk.

WE SING

Enjoying the advantage of daily Mass in the Cathedral, the seniors also have the privilege of singing in the choir each morning at eight. This year's choir was composed of some twenty-six of the seniors under the direction of Brother Michael Brangan. Prof. Miller did a great devotional job at the organ.

We sing, occasionally, for other special services in the Cathedral and for the student Lenten services each Friday afternoon. It is fine training for our own parish choirs.

Wending our way to the choir loft.





We enjoyed good music and friends at the dance!

The 1952 football dance was held on November 23 at the Cathedral High School gym. The hall was arranged with streamers to represent a football stadium and the couples danced on the make-believe playing field. Miss Jean

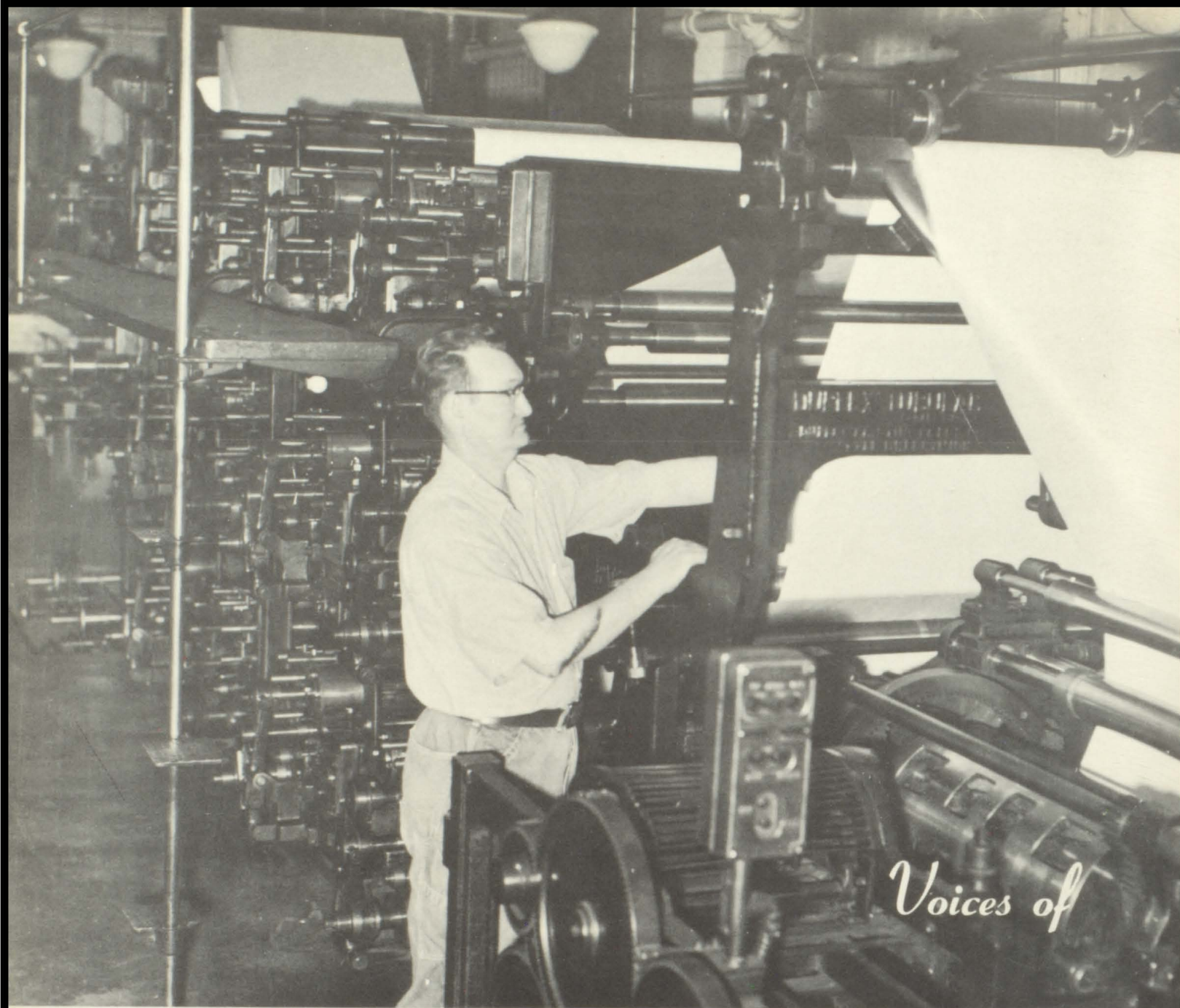
Pflugmacher was chosen football queen and crowned by the co-captains. The other candidates were Susie Short, Kathleen Smith, Janet Metzger and Margie Middendorf.

The Queen's Court included: Miss Metzger, Les Appel, Miss Middendorf, Jack Schulte, Queen Jean and Jake Lippert, Joe Nebgen, Miss Short, Norm Hasenstab, and Miss Smith.





Queen Jean



Voices of

The News-Democrat prepares its presses for a run!

Long acknowledged the foremost newspaper in Southern Illinois, the Belleville News-Democrat also has the distinction of being the first newspaper in Belleville to publish a daily edition in the English language. It has served the community and St. Clair County continuously since 1855 when the Belleville Democrat was established by the youthful Rev. William F. Boyakin and H. L. Fleming.

The year 1883 saw the consolidation of the Weekly Democrat and the Daily News, the city's first English language daily, which had been organized by Judge William J. Underwood.

Fred J. Kern in partnership with Fred W. Kraft bought the News-Democrat in December, 1891, and in January, 1895, Mr. Kern purchased the interest of Mr. Kraft and became sole owner of the newspaper. Under the militant editorship of Fred J. Kern the News-Democrat grew in stature and many of Mr. Kern's editorials were quoted throughout the nation.

Following his death, November 9, 1931, the sons of Fred J. Kern assumed the operation of the paper, and Robert L. Kern and Richard P. Kern remain at the helm today.

The Belleville Daily Advocate now in its one hundred fourteenth year of publication, was established in 1839 being the first permanent newspaper in St. Clair County and ten years later, in 1849, became the first newspaper to publish a daily edition in Illinois.

Abraham Lincoln had a personal interest in the Advocate and was largely responsible for its founding. As it gained in prestige and its circulation increased, the Advocate absorbed at least seven other newspapers. During its more than a century of uninterrupted service to the community, the Advocate has had as its editors and writers many leading and distinguished men of Illinois.

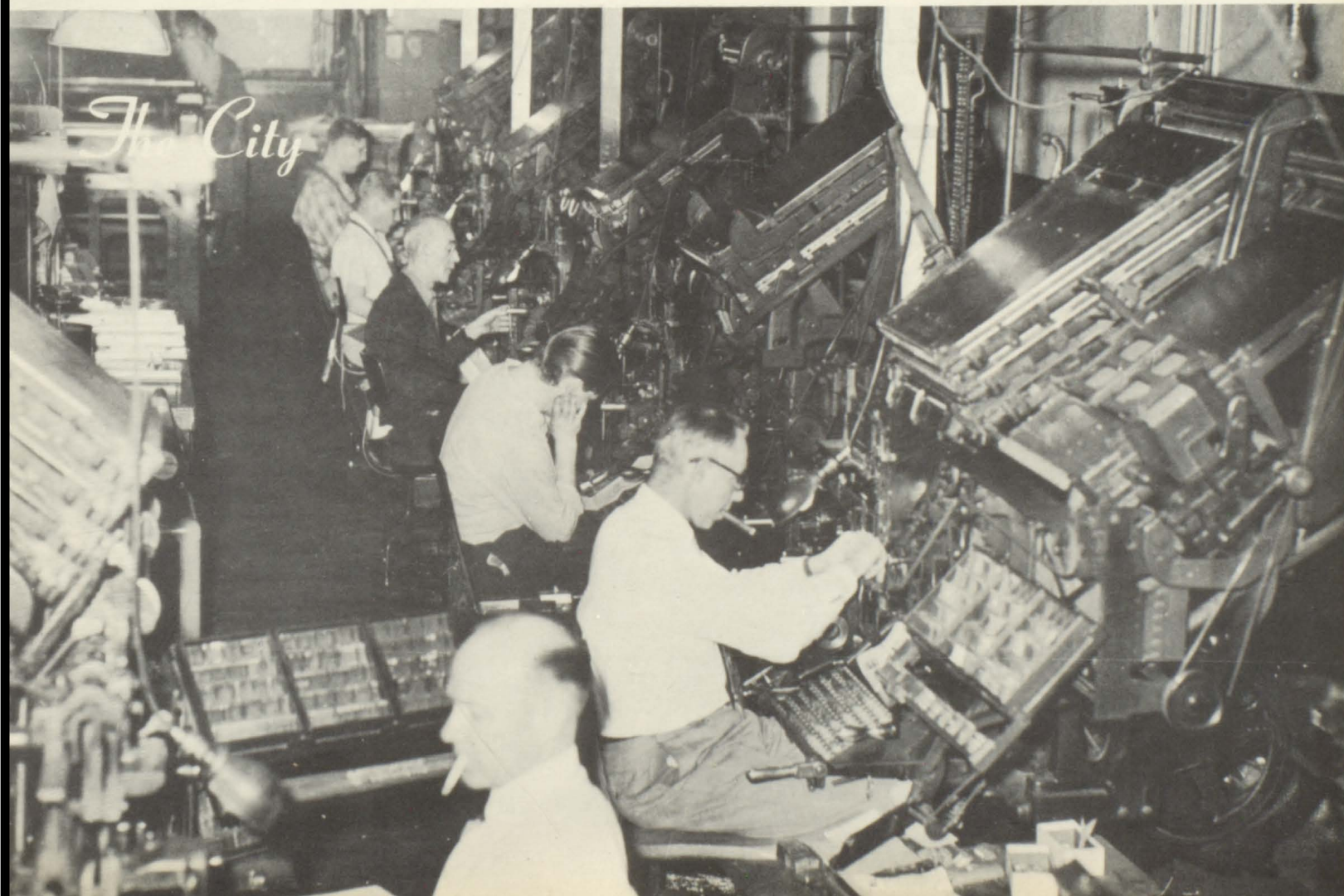
As it published a daily even before what now are metropolitan cities, so the Advocate has blazed the trail of modern progress and today is the equal of metropolitan dailies with the added "home personality" of reporting the happenings of its own town and the doings of its people.

The first newspaper in southern Illinois to obtain leased wire telegraphic news reports, the Advocate was, likewise, the first Belleville paper to install a high speed rotary press and the first with a stereotyping department. It was also the first paper in St. Clair County to become a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, which guarantees to its advertisers that it "Always Tells the Truth About Its Circulation."

The first publishers were James L. Boyd and John T. C. Clark. Printed in a building on the corner of Main and High streets as a five column folio, it was issued every Saturday morning until it began publishing daily, ten years later. In 1854 the name of the Belleville Advocate was changed to the Daily Belleville Advocate.

The Advocate is published by the Belleville Advocate Printing Company, of which Cyril A. Arnold is president and Miss Anna L. Stolle, secretary-treasurer.

The Crusader's competitor, The Belleville Daily Advocate.



CRUSADER...

STUDENT VOICE

The Crusader, a student newspaper published each term, is one of the largest student publications in this area. Our paper sports six columns of type and is supplied with plenty of pictures to help in telling the story thoroughly. It is completely edited by ourselves. Each year the staff, under the direction of the business manager, must sell sufficient advertising to pay our bills.

Under Editor Jake Lippert, this year's paper has been streamlined considerably. The old English style of type for the heading was dropped and the shadow type masthead has been used along with the Lydian style of flush left headlines.

James Gill, a hard-working junior, won for himself an enviable position on the staff as feature editor.

Joe "Oracle" Orlet has done a bang-up job as sports editor this year. He was particularly impartial, giving all a kind word, building morale in every column he wrote.

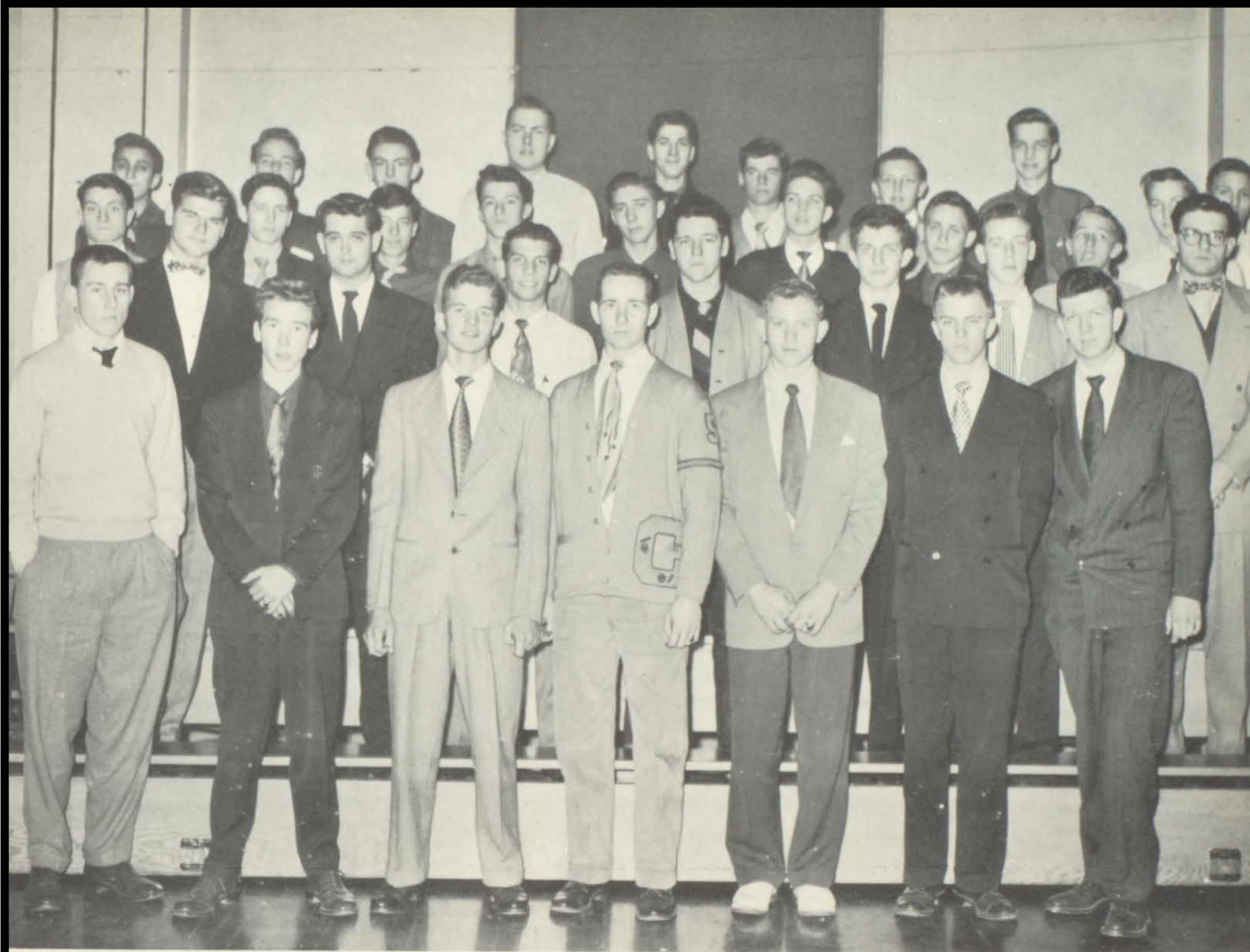
Vin Koehr, managing editor of the paper, had as his job, the editing of page four. He won several essay contests this year. Brother Michael Brangan is adviser of the publication.



Editor Lippert.

Page editors: Lippert, Koehr, Orlet, and Gill.





One: Orlet, Gill, Diekemper, Birk, Lippert, Moll, Hoffmann. **Two:** Luster, Wiltshire, Metze, Koehr, Soucy, Neff, Beck. **Three:** Hanford, Schoener, Buehler, Erlinger, Bossler, Gass, Wade, Lotz, Love. **Four:** Polito, Dollus, Storer, Groesch, Scheibel, Munie, Bach, Schwaegel, Laquet.



Business Manager Moll.

Circulation Managers Diekemper and Bach.



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Social Editor Metze steps out with Business Manager Simmons!

Our Cathedral High School yearbook, *Crusader*, is published and financed by the seniors. Money is raised through selling ads and subscriptions. Our Business Manager Dennis Simmons, ably assisted by Jack Sax, Tom Vander Pluym, and Jack Soucy did a splendid job. Bob Karr got the drive started.

Kenneth Metze, social editor, was assisted by Bob Real and Vin Koehr. Charles Beck, our faithful photographer, was assisted by Jerry Abegg. Our circulation managers, John Hund, Tom Forrest, Rich Klapp and Joe Lett had our book sold out before it went to press. Joe Nebgen and Vic Hoffmann did a splendid job as sports editors.

Editor Bob Wiltshire worked diligently with Brother Michael and the staff to meet the deadline.



Editor Wiltshire.

Circulation Managers
Hund, Forrest, and Lett.



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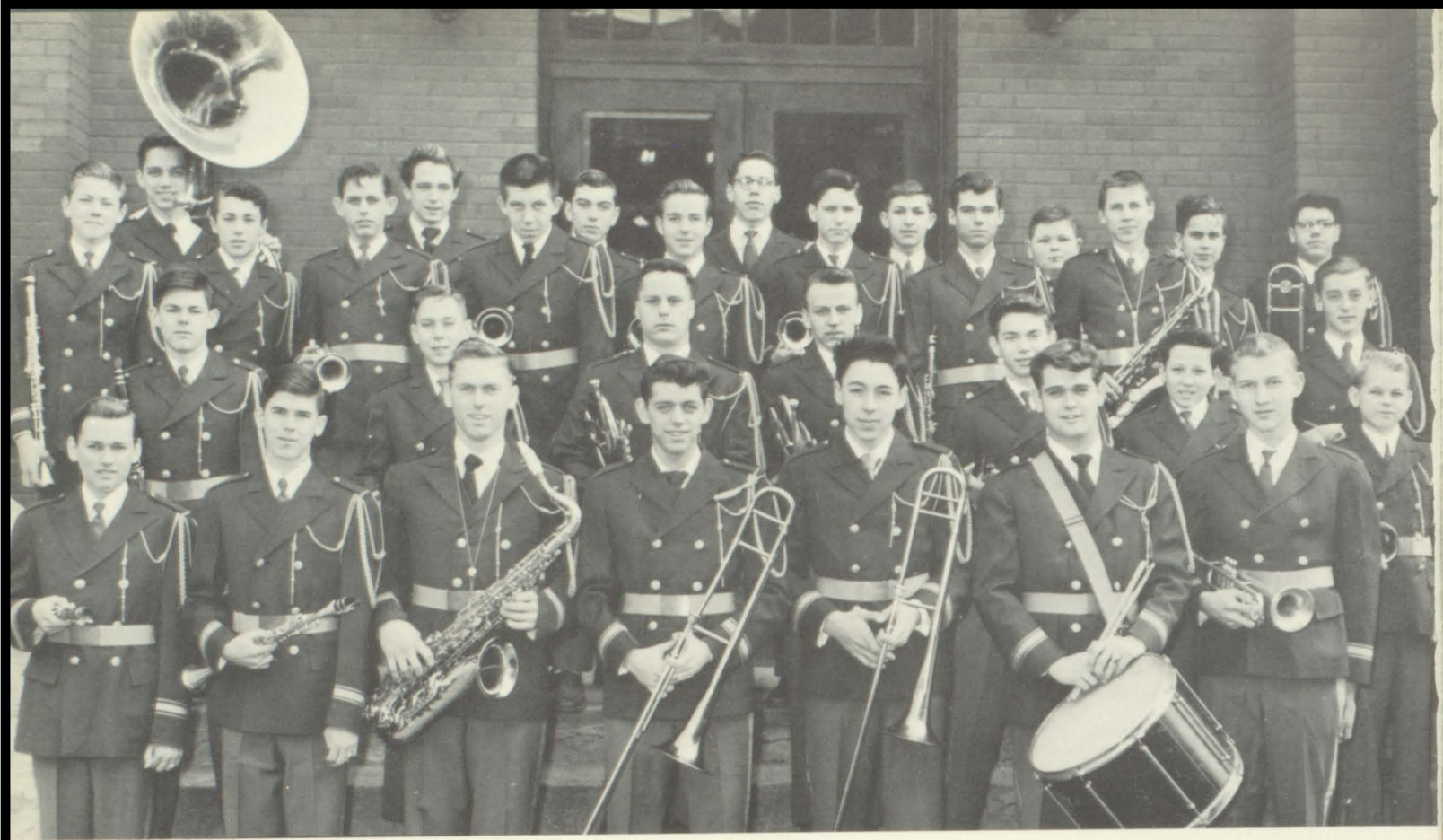
YEARBOOK



One: J. Hund, G. Lanter, L. Heidorn, W. Buss, R. Wiltshire, J. Neff, T. Forrest, R. Real.
Two: R. Klapp, V. Koehr, L. Leonard, P. Birk, R. Hall, J. Nebgen, R. Diekemper, J. Soucy, K. Metze, T. Vander Pluym, J. Sax, V. Hoffmann, D. Simmons, J. Lett.



Pogo Beck, Photographer.



One: Mueller, Ketterer, Thouvenot, Lanter, Christ, Wiltshire, Leonard. **Two:** Friederich, Kaufhold, Nebgen, Determan, Schaefer, Tolan, Schilling. **Three:** Neff, Muckensturm, Lanter, Busch, Dollus, Schoener, Munie, Pflugmacher, Gansmann. **Four:** Schwaegel, Wasser, Schaefer, Friess, Becker, Bauer, Sauerwein, Degen.



A MUSICAL

Belleville loves a parade and the beat of good music moving down its streets. Our Cathedral High School band has participated faithfully each year in numerous civic affairs. The Crusader band has been feeding excellent and well trained musicians into local civic musical units for years. It has given a start to quite a few dance bands for this area. Some of our graduates have majored in music and are now directors of bands or teachers of music. We are proud to appear anywhere, ambassadors of Belleville.

Mr. Bernard L. Miller, K.S.G., fondly known to all students as "Prof," is a very prominent man on the C.H.S. faculty. Prof is the organist and choir director at the Cathedral. Prof instills culture in the minds of the students through the band which he so ably directs, and through the course in music appreciation. Prof will long be remembered for his services, his patience and his stout perseverance.

Prof Miller, K.S.G.

The Cathedral musicians were called upon by various cities and organizations to furnish music. The Rotarians again honored us by inviting us to perform in Centralia. We appeared in the East St. Louis Holy Name Rally. We were very proud when our mothers and friends applauded us the night of the Mother's Day concert. At that time we were ably assisted by the glee club in many fine selections. The seniors leaving the band are: Joe Christ, Joe Nebgen, Cyril Determan, Robert Thouvenot, Leonard Ketterer, Thomas Mueller, Laverne Leonard, and Bob Wiltshire. Though these fine musicians will be sorely missed the band is expecting a crop of new talent from the grade schools.

CITY



The band rehearses daily.

The Glee Club poses on the stairs.



The Cathedral High School Credit Union, the first high school credit union in the U.S. was founded April 5, 1951, as a branch of the Catholic Credit Union of Belleville.

The Credit Union is governed by a board of directors who handle all its business affairs. The Credit Union is a co-operative which encourages thrift and makes loans at a reasonable rate of interest. Our share balance is now \$5,-876.04. Brother Michael serves as advisor.



Wayne Munie, vice-president;
Jake Lippert, president;
W. Bach, secretary-treasurer.

WE SAVE

The Board of Directors: Roger Dollus, William Bach, Gerold Hanford, Jake Lippert, Charles Beck, Wayne Munie, Harold Amann, and Donald Wuerz.



AND SERVE



L. Hund, V. Koehr, J. Hund, L. Mahlman, R. Diekemper, J. Klein, J. Conley, H. Schlarmann, librarians.

Three important clubs around school are the library assistants, the poster club, and the camera club. The librarians help keep the library in excellent shape for the students. Brother Michael, head librarian, directs this group.

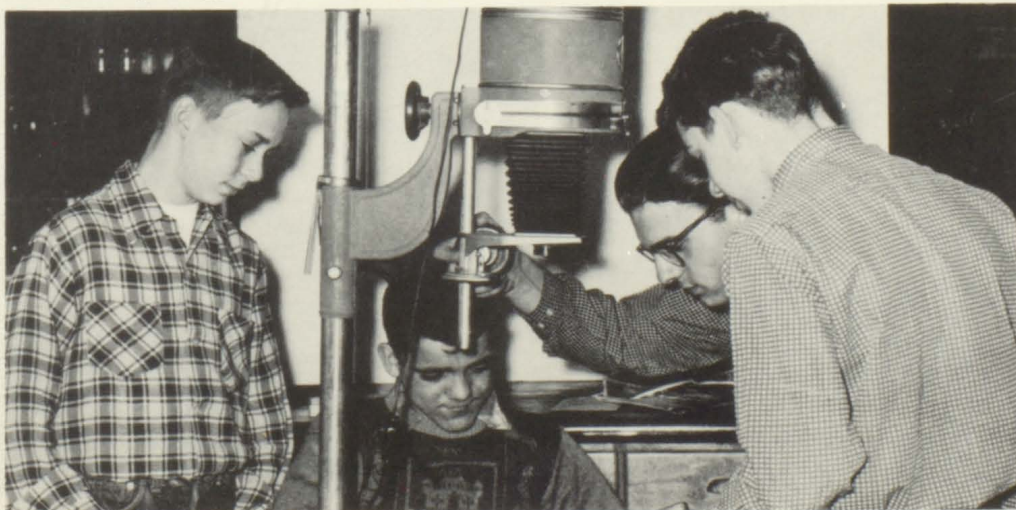
The poster club keeps us supplied with attractive notices about the many activities and various drives throughout the year. Vin Koehr, Charlie Beck, and Jack Schulte were assisted by Bud Schoener.

Brother Norbert Kramer does a great job in directing the popular camera club. It has produced outstanding photographers. Presently prominent in the club are: Charles Beck, Jerry Abegg, Bob Monken, and Roger Kaufhold. All pictures in this book are the work of this club.



Ed Wesselmann admires Beck's art!

Camera Club fans, Roger Kaufhold, Bob Monken, Chief Charlie Beck, and Jerry Abegg do a little enlarging.



THE MENU-ETTES



Mrs. Rensing, Mrs. Hoernis, Mrs. Geolat, and Mrs. Smith.

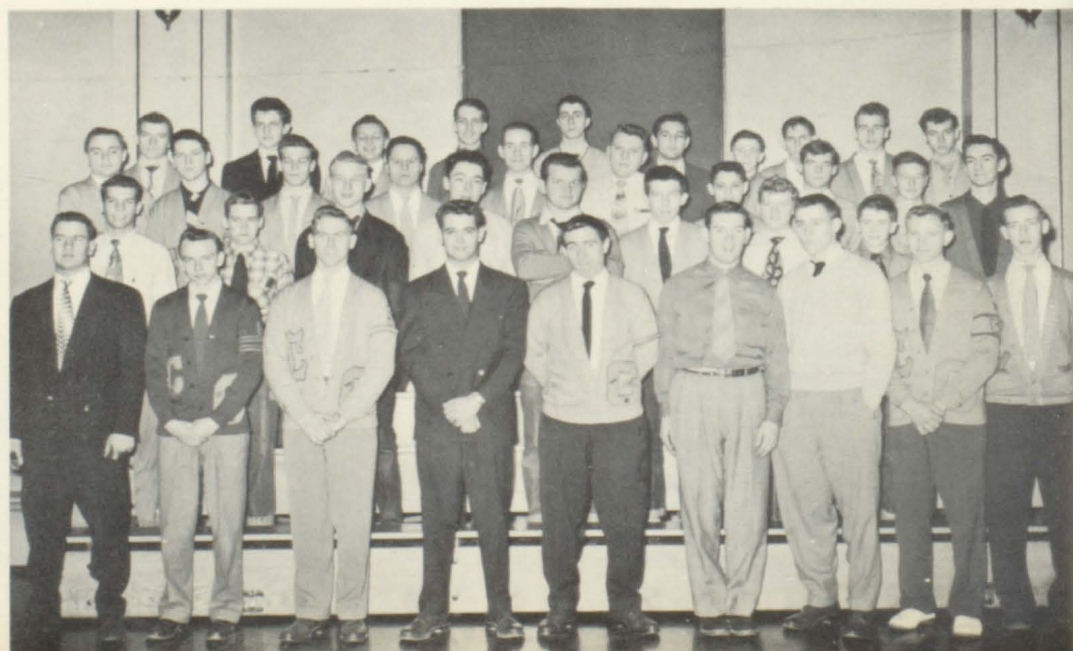
One of the major clubs in Cathedral High School is, without a doubt, the group to be found in our beautiful new cafeteria. We find these cheerful always ready to do a minuet despite the hard floor and tired feet.

We salute our MENUETTES! Like mothers, they cater to our whims and tastes, fill our plates with this and that, until, we're sorry to admit, we over eat.

Mrs. John Geolat is chief menuetter and quite ably assisted by Mrs. Ida Rensing, and Mrs. Rose Hoernis. Mrs. Roy Smith is buyer and referee.

C - MEN

Our Gallant Lettermen proudly wear their C.





Mrs. Yorker Wade, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard Ketterer, secretary; Mrs. Philip Bauer, president; Mrs. Edwin Mueller, vice-president.

OUR MOTHERS

Each year our Mothers' Club has added new glory to an already proud history. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and are well attended and enjoyed by all the members. Many are the really essential gifts of the club to the school. The band is its particular interest, but the library, classes, and athletic departments have all benefited. Present active officers are: Mrs. Philip Bauer, president; Mrs. Edwin Mueller, vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Ketterer, secretary; and Mrs. A. Yorker Wade, treasurer.



Harmony!



Live scene at Christmas party of the club.

SCIENCE CLUB



Vander Pluym thinks it's a shocking thing!

The Science Club continues this year under the able direction of Brother Ralph Drees and meets each Thursday night.

The club has as its goal to supply the time and opportunity for the members to pursue their interest in any phase of science. The members get advice and help from Brother for their projects for the St. Louis Science Fair.



Soucy sleeps at the switch!

During the school year a steady stream of athletes found their way to the office of Dr. Heiligenstein, known to the students as "Doc." Through the years he has mended our breaks and bruises. There is no way to show full appreciation for his services.



Doctor R. C. Heiligenstein, school physician and adviser to all sportsmen!

SPORTSMEN

This is how we'll do it!





One: Hanford, Groesch, Friess, Bossler, Lugge, Wuerz, Storner, Monken, Hutsch, Erlinger, Gill. **Two:** Blaes, Conley, Busch, Hasenstab, Monken, Agne, Heet, Bach, Miller, Schobert. **Three:** Wagner, Buss, Koehr, Schobert, Appel, Bro. Drees, Bro. Haug, Caponi, Hall, Schulte, Lippert, Nebgen, Giedeman.

In the non-league encounters the Crusaders faced St. Mary of St. Louis, Central Catholic, and Belleville Township. In the traditional opener the Crusaders yielded to the aggressive Green Dragons by a 13-0 count. The St. Louisans' backfield proved too much for the Crusader team. Following a two weeks rest, the Blue and Gold eleven tangled with the Central Pioneers for the Orphan Bowl benefit. The game proved to be harder than expected, but the Crusaders held the Centralites to a 21-0 decision.

CRUSADER

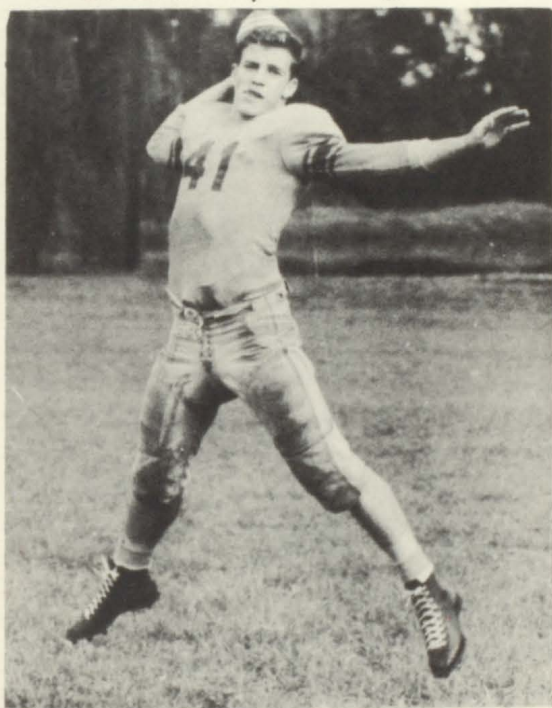
Conley makes quick stop!





Go! Go! Go!

Schulte flips a long one!



ELEVEN

In the big tilt of the year the gallant Crusaders locked horns with the highly touted BTHS DEVILS for the city championship. The Blue and Gold scrappers tried harder than ever but Belleville's fancy-stepping backs and Cathedral's

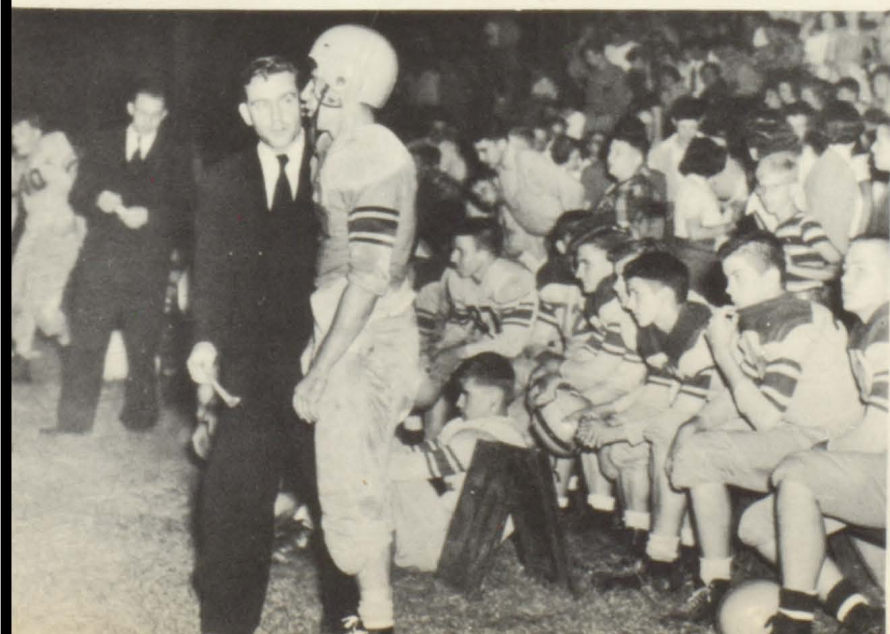
four blocked punts were too much to overcome and the Crusaders ended the tilt on the short end of a 33-0 count.

LEAGUE

In league play the victory hungry Crusaders found the road to success difficult to follow. The Blue and Gold crew whipped Chaminade in their first encounter, 19-12, in a see-saw battle down to the final gun. In the games that followed the small Crusader line could not quite make the grade, and Mercy and DuBourg won, but did not outfight the local braves, by 18-6 and 21-7 scores.

In their last home game of the season the Cathedralites found the Marquette powerhouse fighting for a championship berth in the league and filled with the goal-line fever, the Explorers determination gave them a 35-0 victory. In the final game, the Crusaders faced their arch-rivals, the Coyle Cougars. Coyle needed the victory to notch their first league championship in seven years. CHS played its finest game and held the champs to a 20-19 score.

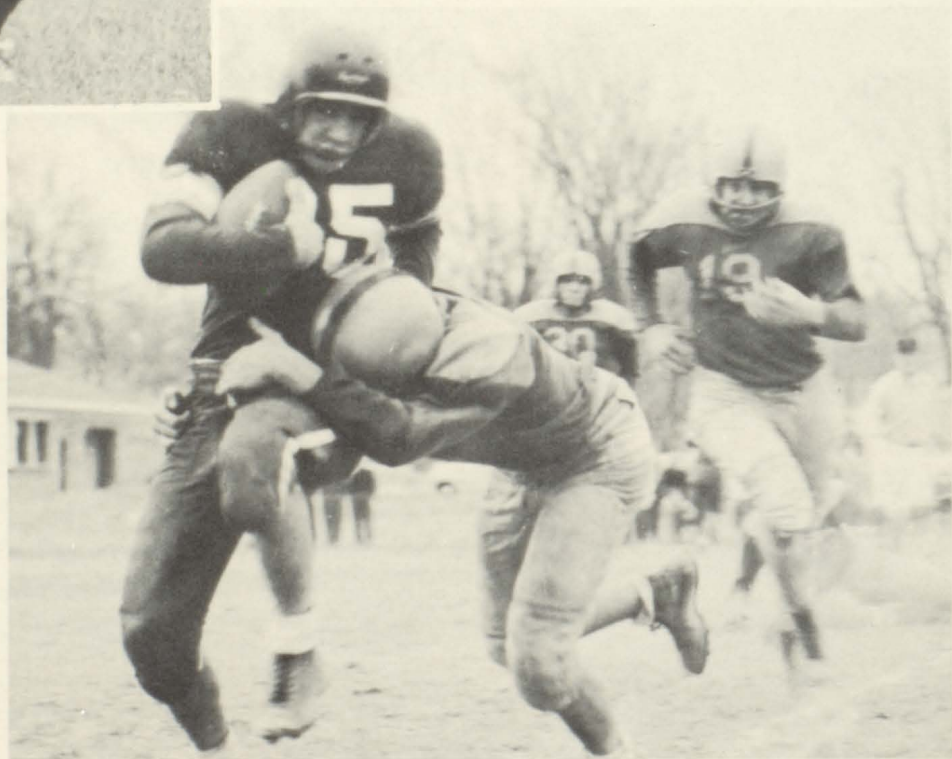
Bro. Haug tells George to do it!



Appel and Schobert close in!



Nebgen on guard!

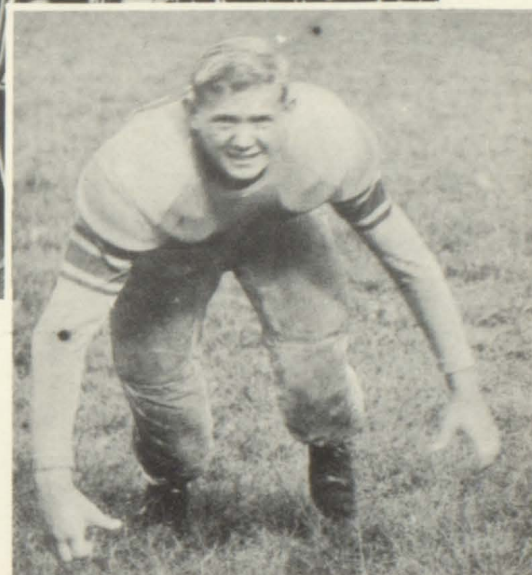


Buss comes rolling in!



Plenty of good food enjoyed by the team!

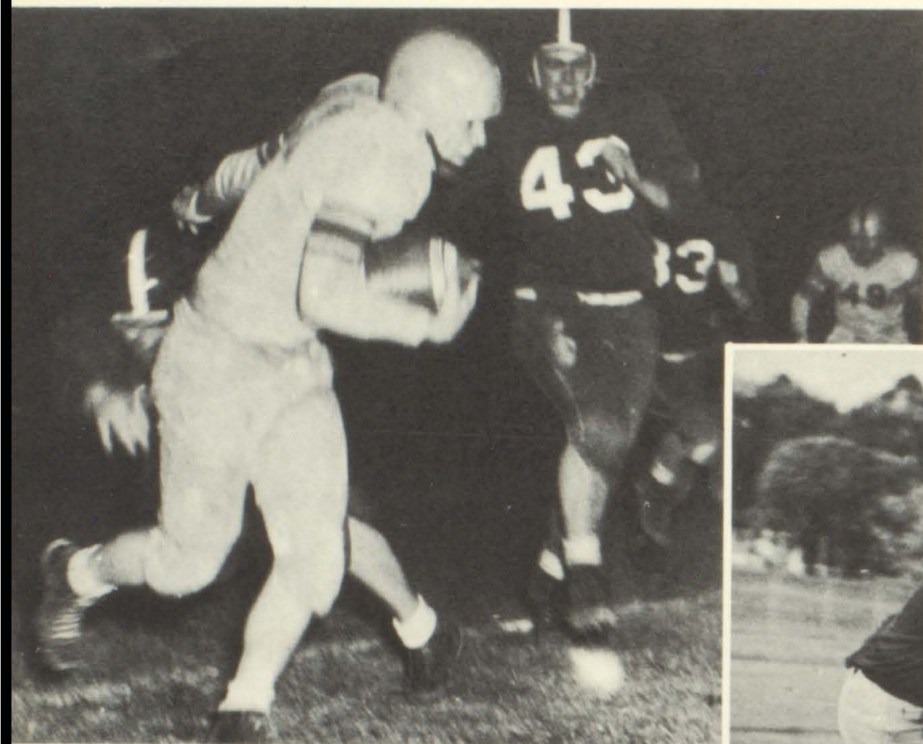
The 1952 football season was not by any means a failure even though the scores would seem to indicate otherwise. We learned many useful and necessary lessons which will help us greatly in later life. We fought to win, but that cannot always be ours to have. We find a certain amount of consolation in the fact that we have tried and have also helped build up and prepare the promising prospects for the next football season. We are proud to have been carrying the colors for C.H.S. and doubly proud of the large crowd of faithful followers who stuck with us through the whole season. Our cheerleaders did a splendid job!



Co-Captain Jake Lippert

Co-captains, Jack Schulte, Jake Lippert and Joe Nebgen manifested real pride and interest in their team. To the members of our backfield, Bill Buss, Jack Schulte, Bill Miller, and Charlie Schobert, we say thanks for a job well done. We salute our small and inexperienced linemen, Vin Koehr, Dick Hall, Jake Lippert, Bill Bach, Joe Nebgen, Les Appel and Smokey Caponi. Our reserve strength, especially the juniors, paint a bright picture for next year.

The last words we reserve and dedicate to our hard-working and understanding coach. Brother Francis did all in his power to produce a team. Under his trained eye and willing hand, "our coach," installed a fighting spirit of FAIR PLAY and unequalled SPORTSMANSHIP



Schulte gets moving.



They shall not pass!



A good cross body block!



The Lipperts fete the team!

SCHEDULE '52

Team	We	They
St. Mary's	0	13
Central	0	21
Chaminade	19	12
Mercy	6	18
DuBourg	7	21
B.T.H.S.	0	33
Marquette	0	35
Coyle	19	20

YOUNGSTERS

An anxious group of freshmen found their way to Southside Park and worked hard under the guiding eye of Bro. Adrian Janson. The "Beezers" played fine football in most of their games and at all times gave fine examples of the Crusader spirit of old. We are proud of our freshmen and their feats on the gridiron. Members of the team included, Kenny Gansman, Sonny Fries, Ronny Kuper, Jack Peters, Ralph Stenger, Buddy Zipfel, Elmer Rheinecker, Tom Ebner, Mike Nieman, Tom Cerneka, Bob Appel, Cliff Helfrich, Jim Carpenter, Paul Bauer, Bob Walker, Charles Hasenstab, Tom Keifer, John Tolan, and Jim Reidel. The little Crusaders won a game from Chaminade and tied Collinsville, then lost to St. Mary, Central, St. Louis U High, and then again to Collinsville.

Seated: D. Von Bokel. **Kneeling:** K. Neu, T. Ebner, K. Gansmann, R. Pitts, I. Fries, T. Cerneka, J. Peters, J. Riedel, D. Klein, C. Hasenstab. **Standing:** J. Carpenter, J. Giedeman, P. Bauer, E. Rheinecker, M. Niemann, Bro. Adrian, C. Helfrich, M. Zipfel, R. Kuper, R. Stenger, T. Kiefer, and R. Walker.



An eager and victory hunting group of athletes led by co-captains, Paul Birk and Gary Lanter, have worked hard under the severe tutoring of Bro. Francis Haug. Joe Orlet and Paul Birk have made their presence known by the fine rebounding they do game after game. John Soucy, J. McKinney, Gary Lanter, and Jake Lippert do most of the ball handling and timely passing that puts them on the valuable list. The Crusader five seemed to get off to a slow start but responded quickly to the cause.

Bro. Haug found valuable fill-ins with underclassmen, Helfrich, Busch, and Tedesco, who along with Paul Birk, Joe Orlet, Gary Lanter, Jack Soucy, Jake Lippert, Rich Klapp, Rich Wagner, and J. McKinney composed the complete squad.

After being beaten in their first three games, the Crusaders came through by defeating St. Mary of Carlyle, 48-46 with the aid of Jack Buss's 25 points.

Co-Captains Lanter and Birk.



Varsity, **One:** Birk, Lanter, McKinney, Lippert, Soucy, Klapp. **Two:** Wagner, Blaes, Helfrich, Orlet, Buss.

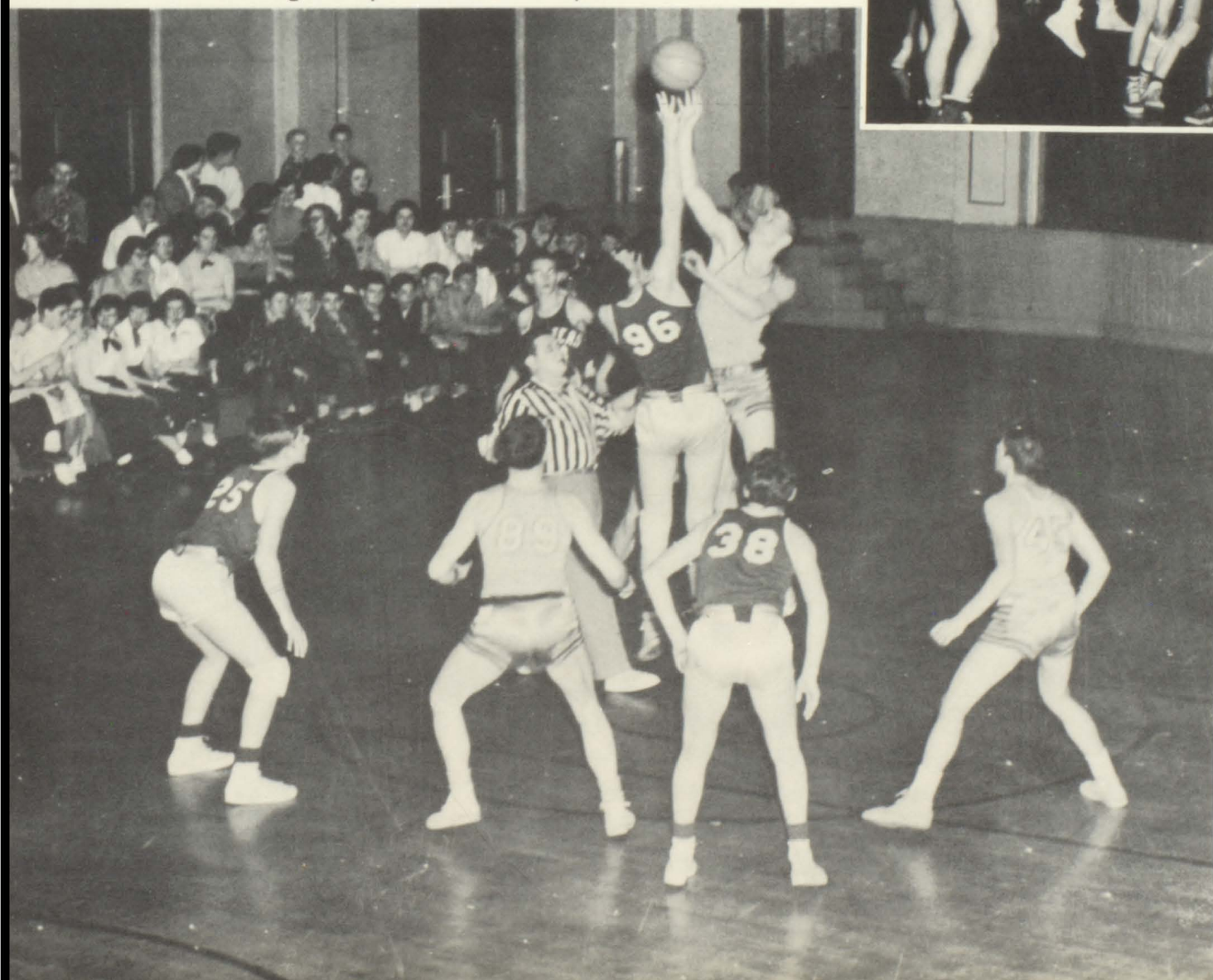


HOOPSTERS

Spider Birk scores again.



Orlet goes up to take the tipoff!



WE

With a scent of victory, the Cathedral horde invaded Central where the hot Pioneers hooped a 64-44 defeat on the Blue and Gold. Coming back with a 48-41 victory over St. Dominics of Breese the Cathedral quintet seemed to be on the victory trail.

The Crusaders had net trouble and lost their first two league games to Mercy, 52-38, and Chaminade, 47-28, but drove through for a thrilling win



Lanter sees it!



Up we go again!



It's mine!

over Coyle, 45-32. The C.H.S. cagers then walloped DuBourg and Freeburg, 71-52, and 48-45. But in the Dupo Tournament, points did not come as easily and Dupo and Sparta handed the Blue and Gold defeats of 68-52 and 62-33. The Crusaders city championship game with the Belleville Maroons was a battle royal. When the final whistle blew the score stood at 52-34.

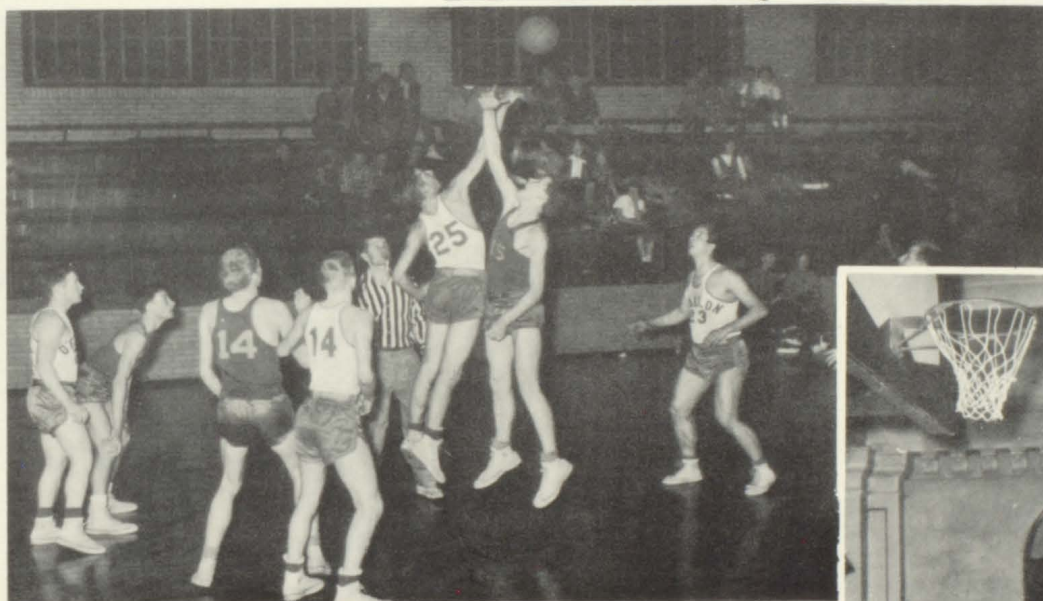
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HARD

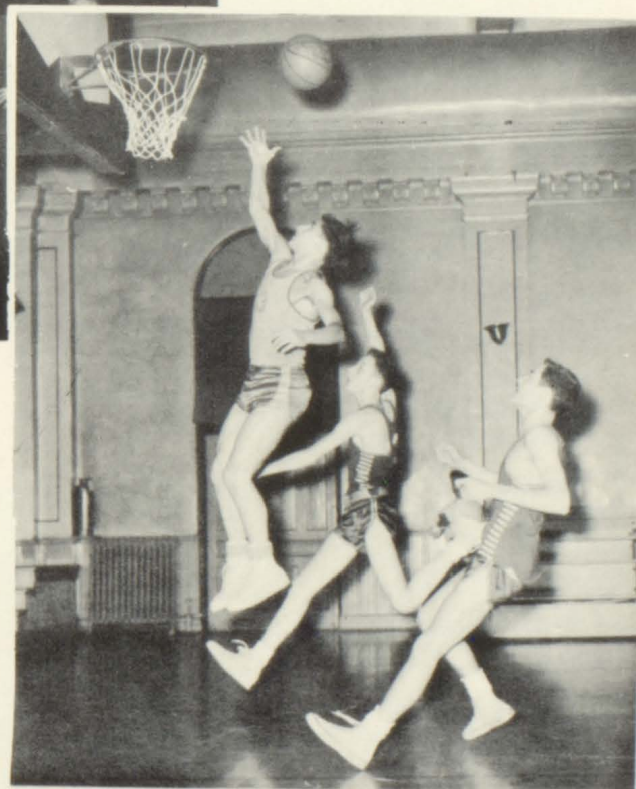
One: Hanford, Pflugmacher, Tedesco, Stenger, Peters. **Two:** Kuper, Busch, Friess, Love, Niemann, Zipfel, Rheinecker, Bro. Adrian. **Three:** Gansmann, Cange, Cerneka, Fries, Appel.



Frosh-Sophs Squad.



Zip jumps to get the ball!



Tedesco scores!

The youngsters of the basketball set, under the supervision of Bro. Adrian, gave it all they had this year by ending the season with 8 wins and 6 losses.

They were victorious over Coulterville, 36-28; St. Peter's, 51-22; St. Mary of Carlyle, 49-44; St. Dominic's, 40-38; Mercy, 40-37; Coyle, 40-35; DuBourg, 52-24; and St. Francis, 55-54. Setbacks came at the hands of St. Mary of St. Louis, 36-28; Edwardsville, 77-33; Central, 52-38; Chaminade, 51-43; O'Fallon, 63-42; and Freeburg, 66-40. Not a bad record to look back on in their years ahead.

TO WIN

BOWLERS



One: Lippert, Leonard, Sax, Hoffmann. **Two:** Schmiers, Olson, Heidorn, Metze, Hasenstab, Ketterer, Thomas. **Three:** Buehler, Lucash, Schaefer, Friederich, Speichinger, Woesthaus, Degen.

The High School Bowling League, held on Saturday evenings, is one of the intramural sports at Cathedral. Sanctioned by the American Junior Bowling Congress, the league strives to establish a rating for itself in the Congress.

The season, which opened in November, started to pop with Metze receiving honors for individual high three with 546 and single with 209. Hasenstab, who won the league, took team high single 955 and three games with 2,712.

Lippert checks the score!





A classy team for '53.



Co-Captains Orlet and Kassebaum.



Learning tricks of the game.

BASEBALL



Bro. Lloyd shows Koehr!

With the warm weather also comes the ball and bat. Wide awake and eager the candidates appeared before Bro. Lloyd the opening day of spring training. The team faced a rugged schedule, some under the lights. The team consisted of Charlie Schobert, Ralph Kassebaum, Gary Lanter, Bob Thouvenot, Paul Birk, Ken Metze, Vin Koehr, Teddy Tedesco, Butch Lugge, and Stan Voellinger.

Our various teams were spirited by our pep squad. The cheerleaders of this year did a very commendable job. These "pepper-uppers" were always on the ball. When the weather was threatening at the football games, these guys and gals were there to lead us on. When things looked bad they never lost faith but kept right on cheering. When we were winning the cheering never died down but got louder and gave the men on the team the spirit to keep right on fighting until the last gun was sounded. The members of this valiant team were: Janet Metzger, Jean Pflughmacher, Catherine Smith, Margie Midden-dorf, Susan Short, Jim Long and Jack Long.

OUR PEPETTES



Off on '53



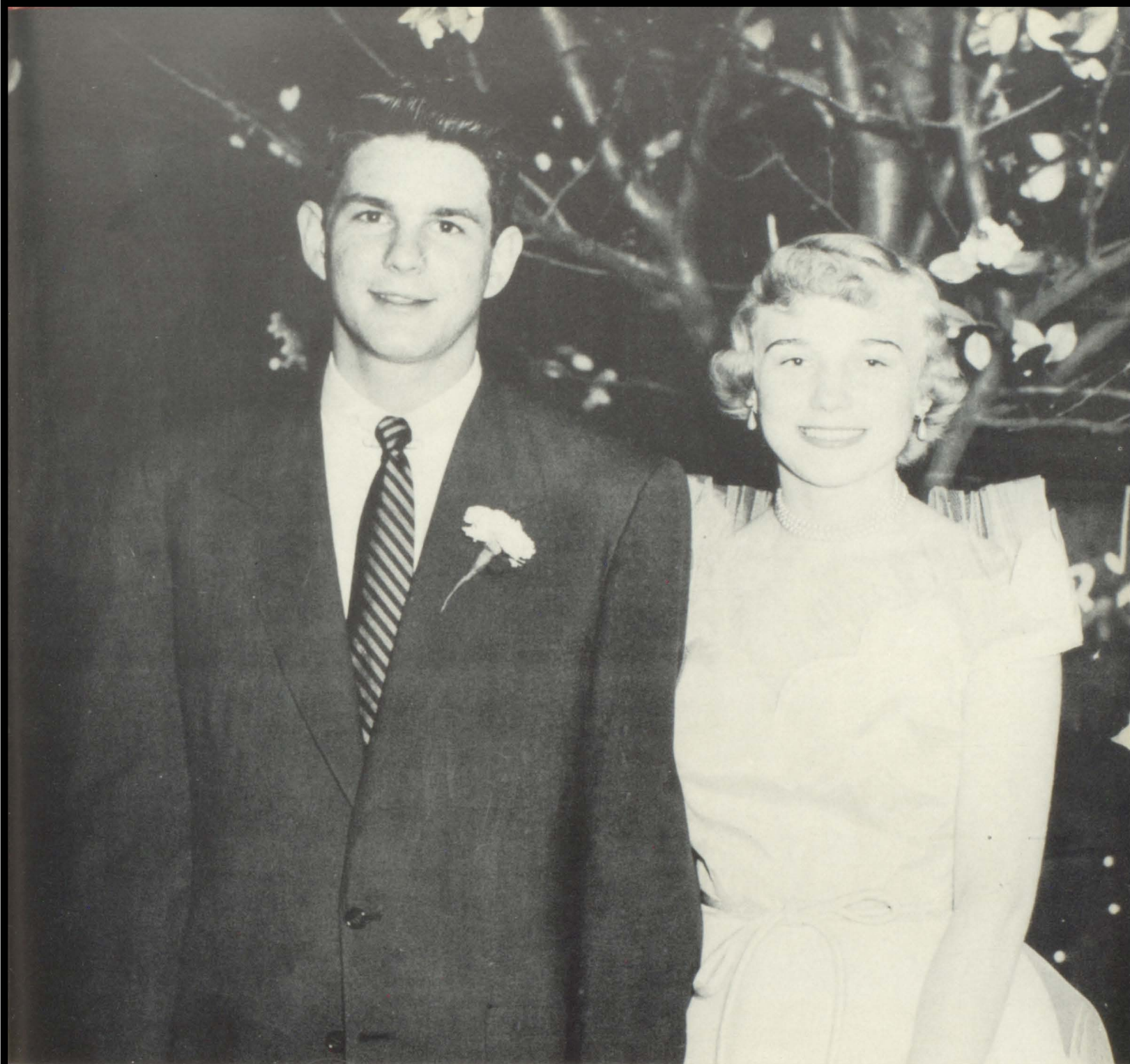
Patty joins the squad!



Opening the season.



We gotta win! Let's go!



Crusader of the Year, Wayne Lanter and Miss Jean Pflugmacher.

CRUSADER OF THE YEAR

Wayne Lanter was dubbed Crusader of the Year at last year's graduation exercises. He had won the coveted senior award for '52. Wayne, who was very active all four years, held numerous offices and jobs of responsibility. He was business manager for both the paper and yearbook, won his Honor Service letter in his third year, and was prom committee chairman his fourth year. He played all three sports, football, basketball and baseball. Co-captain in basketball his last year Wayne received honorable mentions and was on the all-star team. A sodality officer throughout his four years he set an excellent example of leadership. At present he is studying electronics at De Forest in Chicago



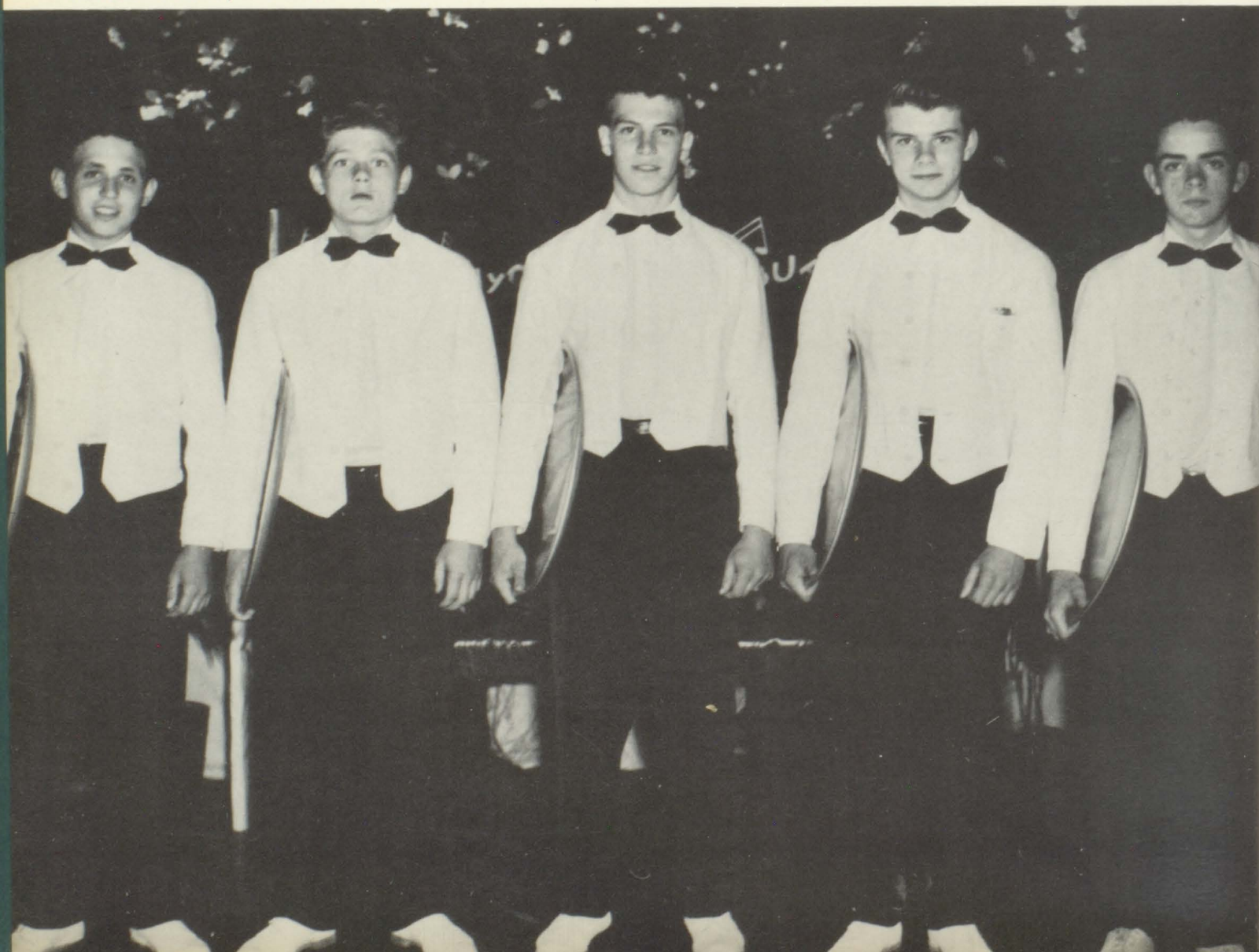
The Prom theme speaks for itself.

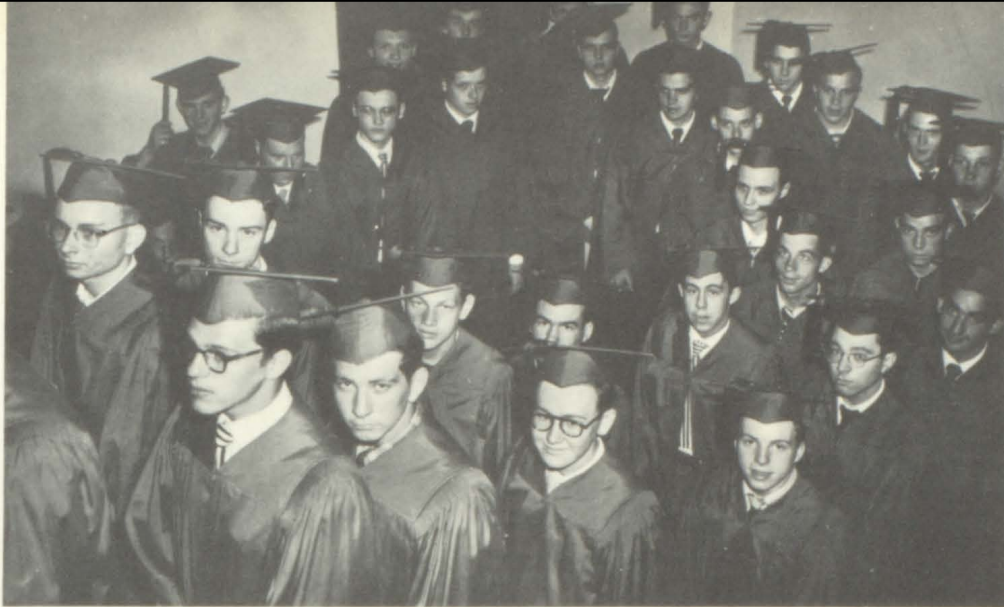


And the band played on!

PROM '52

Yorker Wade, Bill Farrow, Jack Schulte, Clay Neuner, Jim Murphy!





'52

We came!



Metze wins an Honor Service Letter!



We saw!

GRADUATION



We made it!-

CHS

DIRECTORS

BROTHER GERARD BUSCH, known to everyone at Cathedral as the Dean, has been working untiringly for our school these past five years. When we have troubles or problems we visit the Dean and talk them over with him.

Many a student has gone into the office in black despair and walked out full of hope. Brother Gerard is well-read on current events and is a very interesting conversationalist.

MONSIGNOR HARBAUGH, who hails from Prairie De Rocher, is the unseen man around Cathedral High. Monsignor is kept very busy with school matters none-the-less. He is ably assisted by Fathers G. Holtgrave, P. Pimeskern, and U. Kuhl, the latter being very active in managing the Belleville Catholic Youth Guild.

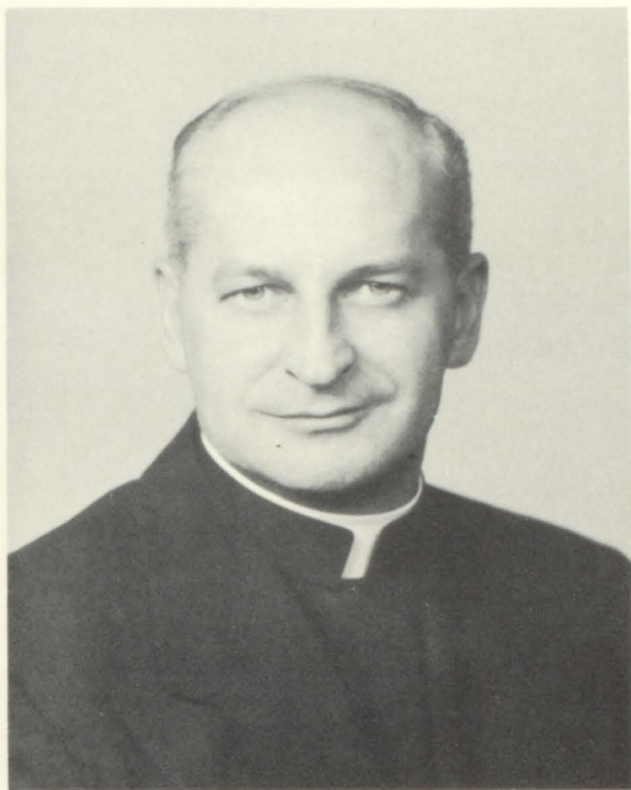
Since Monsignor came to Cathedral we have acquired many things of great importance to the students. The Cathedral Athletic Field was purchased, new bleachers for the gym, new uniforms for our hard working athletes and books for the library. We're grateful, Monsignor.



Dean Brother Gerard Busch, S.M.

Msgr. Harbaugh, Fathers Holtgrave, Pimeskern and Kuhl.





Father Alphonse Piekarski, S.M., a native of St. Louis, Missouri, began his teaching career at Cathedral back in 1931-32. After a long absence he returned to CHS last September to serve as moderator of Senior B and chaplain for the Brothers. Father teaches Latin, algebra, and economics and is Sodality moderator.

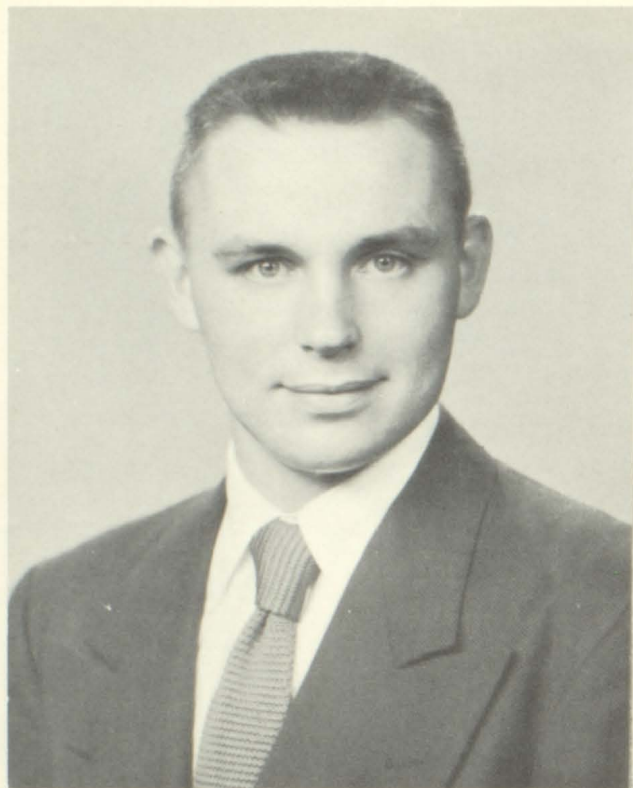
Bro. Michael C. Brangan, S.M., hails from Texas. He arrived here in 1940 and has served as librarian, and adviser for both the school paper and the yearbook. He is moderator of Senior A and teaches religion, sociology, and world history. He directs the glee club and choir and began the Credit Union for the high school.



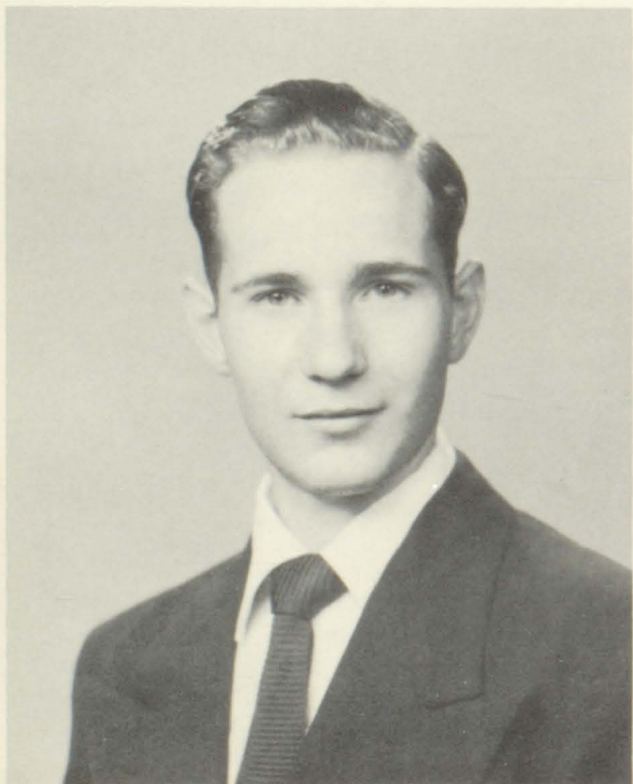
Brother Norbert Kramer, S.M., vice-principal, is this year celebrating his silver jubilee as a religious. He came to Cathedral in August, 1943, and heads the departments of chemistry and photography. Biology, math, and Sophomore-A help fill his schedule. Brother Norbert's brother, Father Herbert, is also a member of the Brothers of Mary.



CLASS



LESTER APPEL, born on April 18, 1934, comes from St. Luke's parish. Les has a happy smile for all and is a friend to young and old. He is a member of the Letterman Club, having won his C in football. In his senior class he is Catholic Action chairman. Les also took an active part in the annual Talent Show.



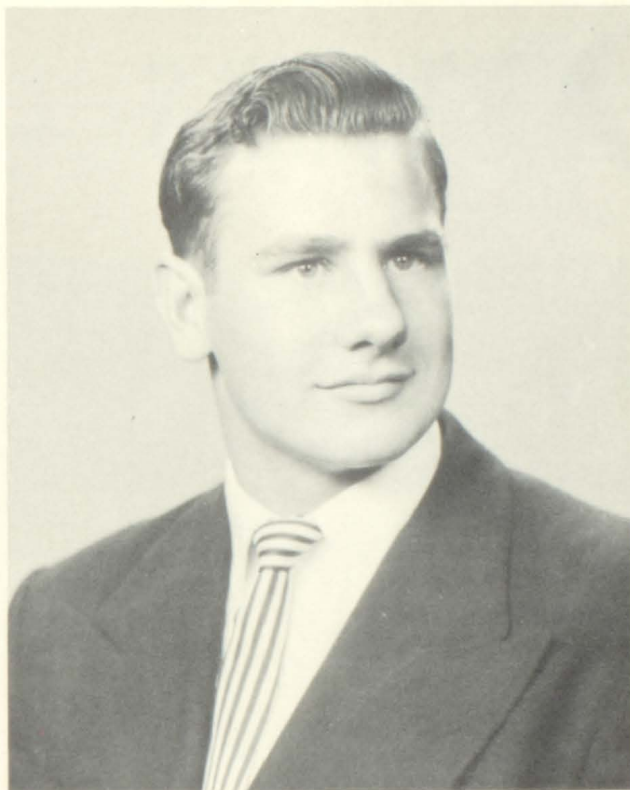
CHARLES BECK, born March 27, 1935, is usually seen in his Chevy or with his trusty camera. He is responsible for all the pictures in the yearbook. Proving his leadership, he was yearly elected a class officer, sodality officer, vice-president of the Credit Union, member of the Central Committee, and secretary of the Class of '53.

PAUL BIRK, a member of St. Mary's parish, was born February 3, 1935. He has been a server in his parish all four years, played basketball and baseball each year. Paul is record columnist on the Crusader and the owner of an Honor Service Letter. He has set an enviable record of four years of perfect attendance. Loads of luck, Paul.

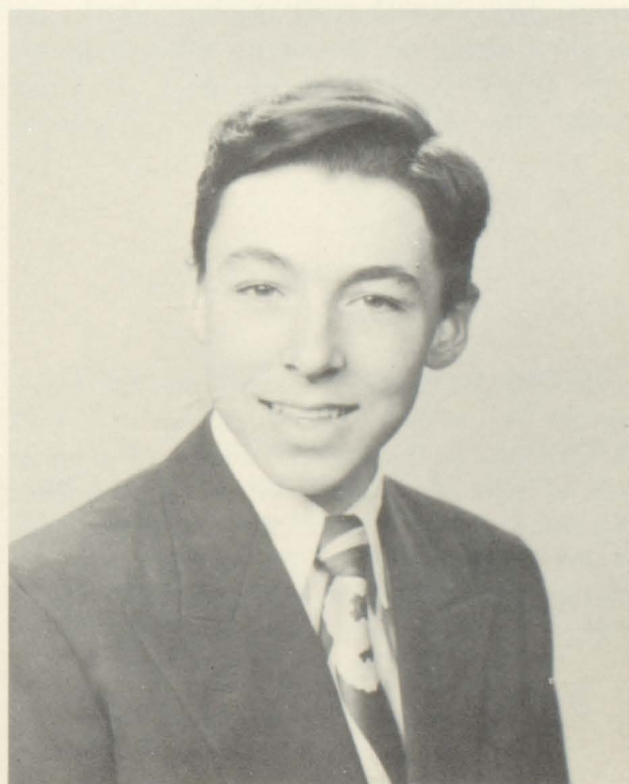


THEODORE BUTZ looked on the big old world of ours June 25, 1935. He hails from St. Teresa's grade school. Until his senior year when he became ill, Ted had missed only four days of school in three and one-half years. Pulling a consistently good average he seldom had to worry about his courses. During his four years he has 100% for conduct.

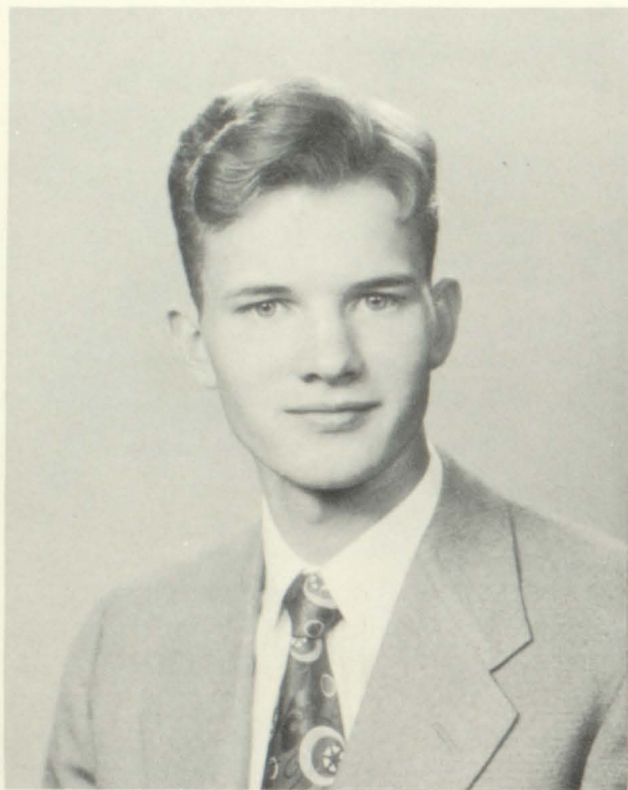
JOSEPH CHRIST, born on November 3, 1935, entered from the Cathedral grade school. Joe is one of the workers who keep the cafeteria running. He blows a mean trombone in the band, and as an underclassman, played football and baseball. Joe is the proud possessor of an Honor Service Letter and a member of the Letterman Club.



WILLIAM F. BUSS was brought into this world September 24, 1935. Bill is proud that St. Mary's is his parish. "Porky" was the powerful fullback on this year's varsity. He has worked on the yearbook staff and in the subscription drive. Bill has been active in the choir, glee club and Talent Show. He also held class and sodality offices.

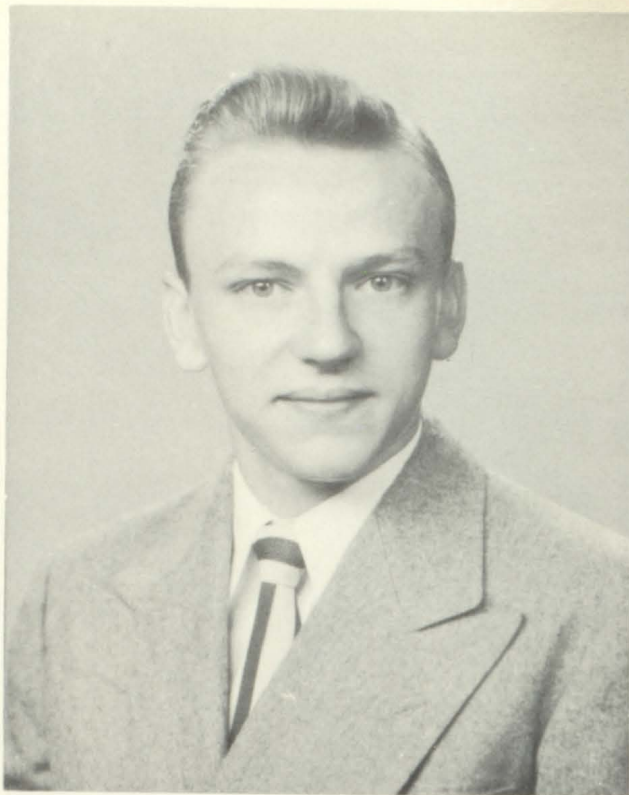


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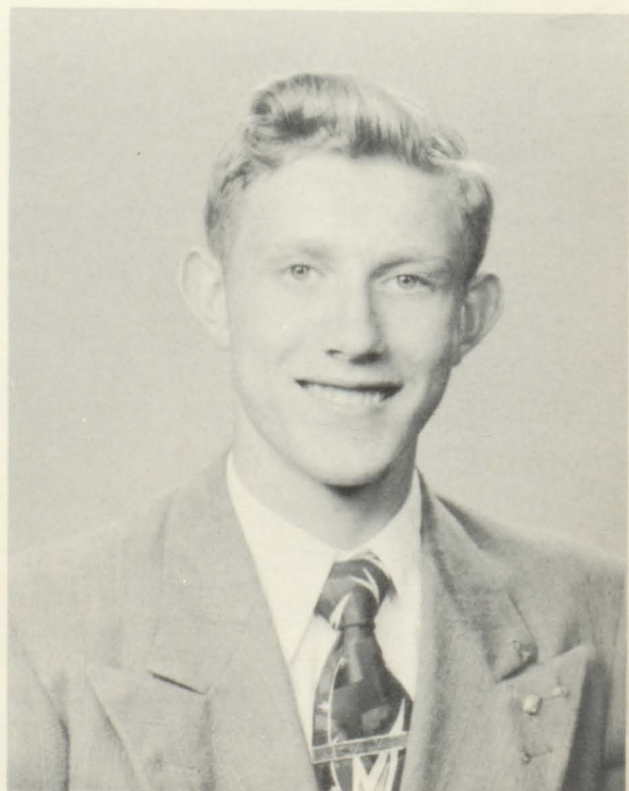


ROBERT DIEKEMPER, who comes from Holy Childhood's parish, was born on Sept. 6, 1935. He has been active on the paper staff being circulation manager for the last two years. In sports Bob played basketball and baseball. Being on the honor roll through his high school career, Bob will be a promising student for college.

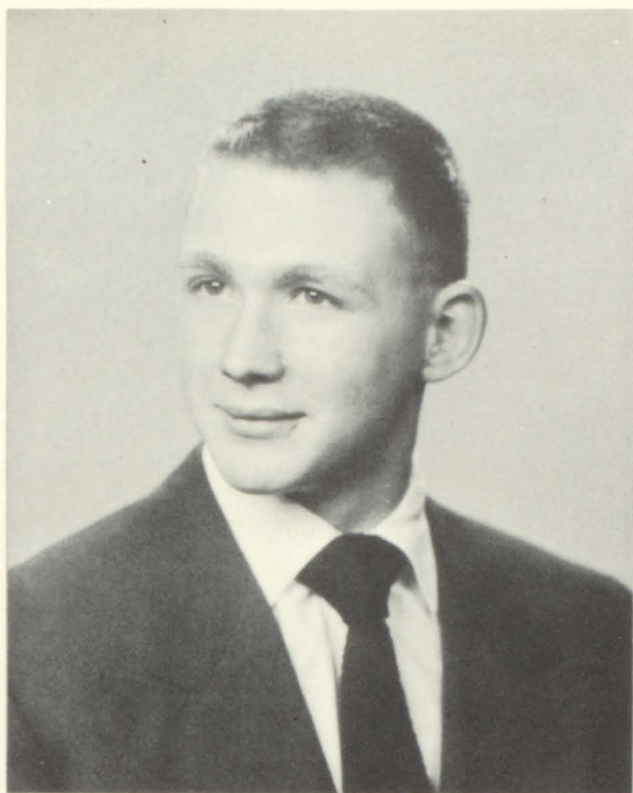
THOMAS FORREST, born June 23, 1934, in East St. Louis, is now residing at St. John's in Glen Addie. "Monk" has been on the honor roll all four years along with being a server. He competed in football the first two years. In his second and third year he boasts a perfect attendance record, plus choir and annual staff.



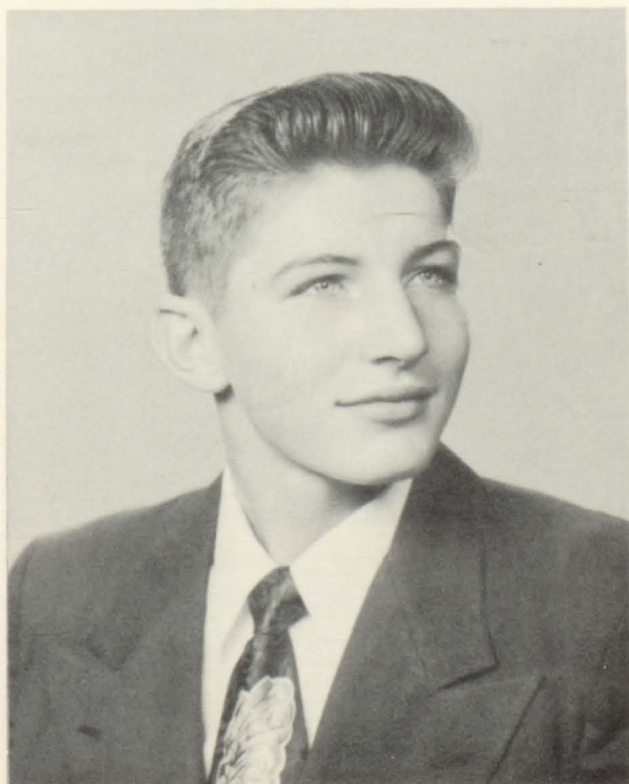
CYRIL DETERMAN, born in Belleville, has become interested in sports. He has entered baseball, basketball, and bowling. He plays an important part in the band through his high school years. As a parishioner of the Cathedral parish he has sung in the choir and has become an important member of the Ave Maria Sodality.



OF '53



RICHARD HALL, a member of St. Mary's parish, was born March 27, 1936. Always interested in football, Dick, played all four years, making the All-Star team his senior year. He has served on both the school paper and the yearbook staffs, earning a coveted Honor Service Letter this year. He was always ready and willing to help.

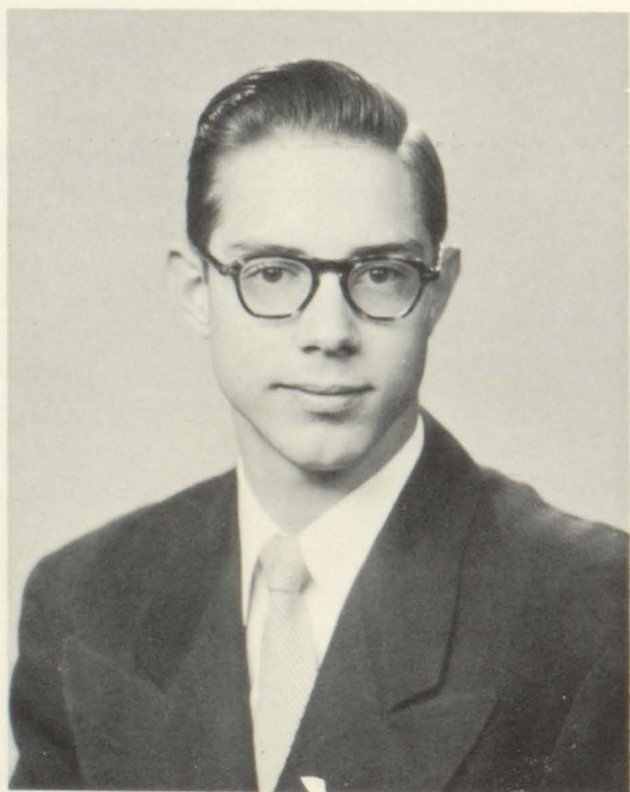
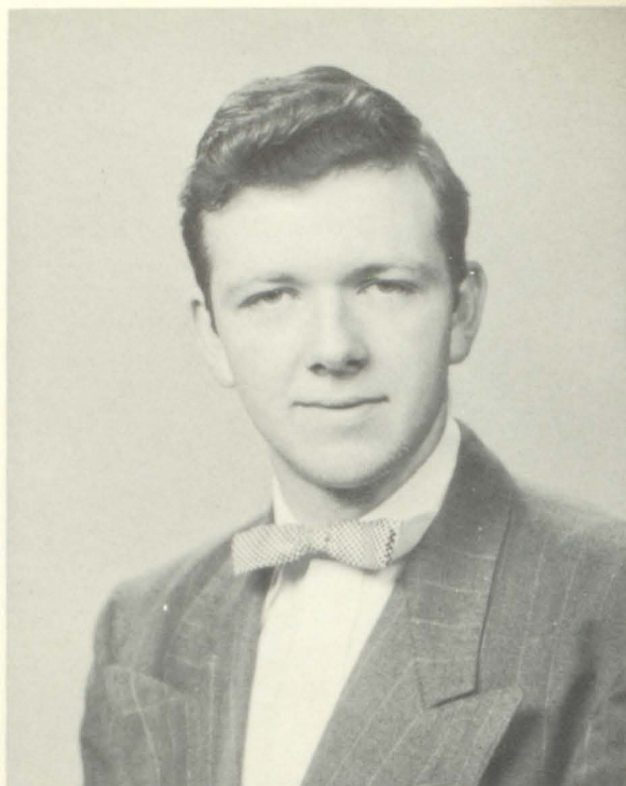


NORMAN HASENSTAB came to CHS from St. Henry's Seminary early in his freshman year. At Cathedral he has been active in football, baseball, and bowling. He is a member of the science club, glee club, and letterman club. Norm has been a server in the Cathedral parish since grade school days. He was born January 4, 1936.

LEONARD HEIDORN, peeked into Belleville, December 13, 1935. Sonny has served God in his parish, St. Luke's, all four years. He is a member of the Central Committee this year, a class officer his first two years and a mainstay of the bowling team. Len is active on the yearbook staff and the senior prom committee.

GRADS

VICTOR HOFFMANN, born on May 20, 1935, entered Cathedral High from St. Mary's Parish. Vic has been an active member of the science club, having entries in the science fair the last two years. Vic has also served on the paper and yearbook staffs and bowls a good game as captain of his team. Vic intends going to college.



JOHN HUND, circulation manager of the yearbook, comes from Holy Childhood Parish, Mascoutah. John saw the light of day, January 15, 1934. He is head of the audit committee on the Board of Directors of the Credit Union. John is a student librarian and finds his name on the Honor Roll.

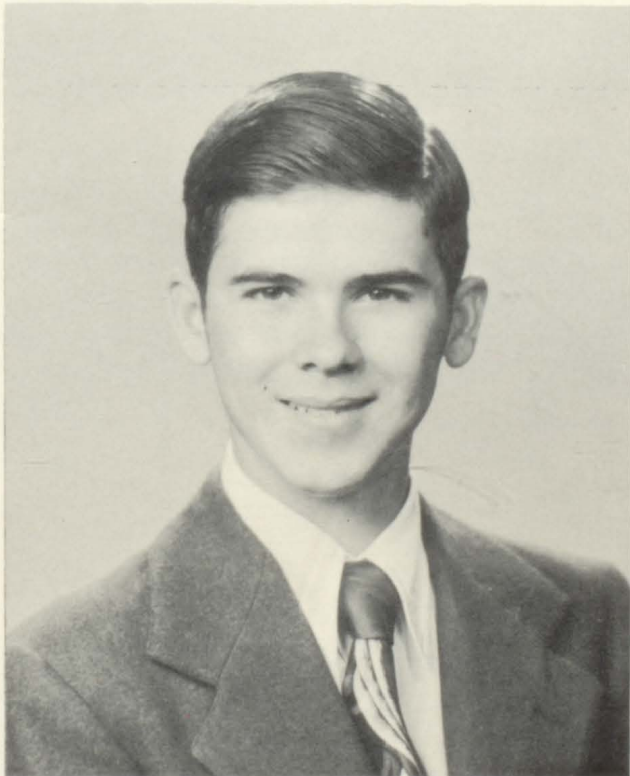


ROBERT KARR, attended Western Military his freshman year and entered CHS as a sophomore. Interested mainly in cars, motors, and motorcycles, he spends most of his leisure time as a mechanic. Bob raced into this world November 19, 1935. He loved football and played it well.

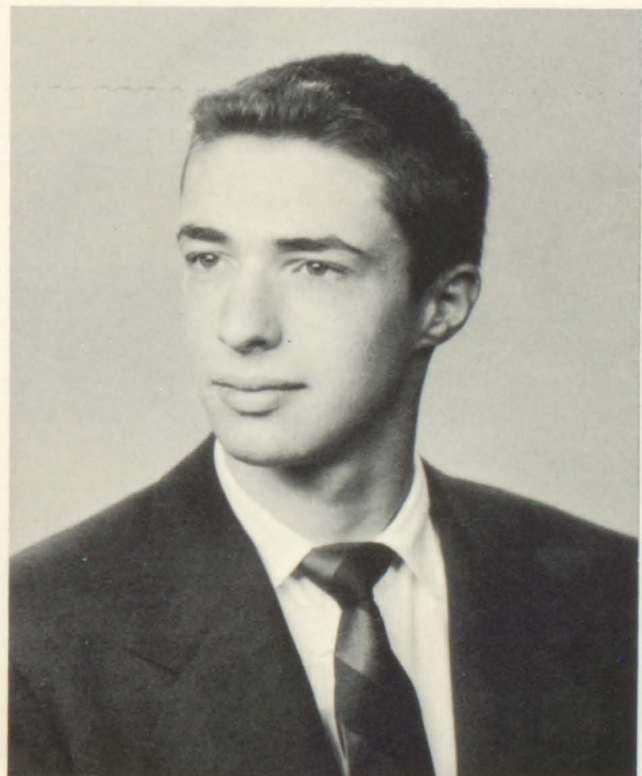
OF '53



RALPH KASSEBAUM, St. Teresa's parish, was born January 2, 1936. Ralph starred in baseball, serving as co-captain this year. Being the shortest player on the team didn't stop Ralph from playing. He has been in the letterman's club and choir. A good possibility for his honor service letter, he received the perfect attendance.

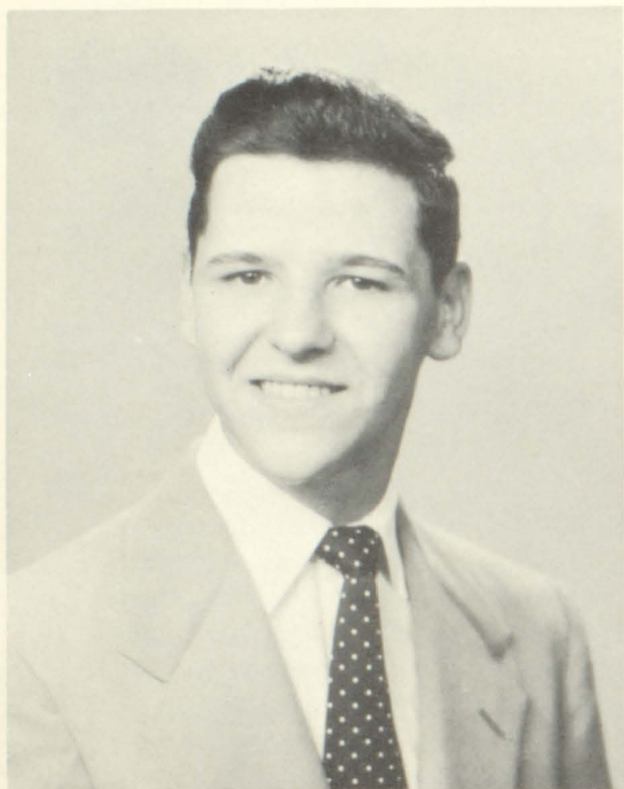


LEONARD KETTERER, born December 2, 1935, hails from St. Mary's parish. A faithful band member Len was honored with being in the Centennial Band Concert. A follower of the science club he has been in the science fair his last two years. His attendance is perfect for four years.



RICHARD KLAPP belonging to Blessed Sacrament parish, came to Cathedral as a sophomore. Before coming here he attended C.B.C., in St. Louis. Contributing his time to basketball he was one of the better performers. Dick was active in the talent show.

CLASS



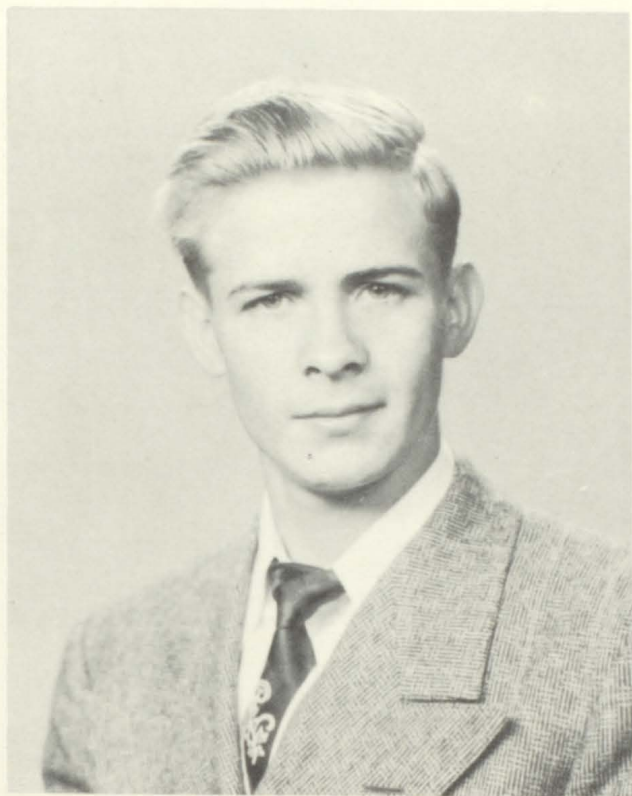
VIN KOEHR hails from St. Mary's parish. Vin took to the paper staff being a reporter for three years and succeeding to be managing editor his last year. Pitching each year for the baseball team, he also played football. Taking time out from these activities, Vin served in his parish. He was born November 12, 1935.



JAMES LANGFORD, who comes from St. John's Orphanage, was brought into this world on June 26, 1933 in East St. Louis. Jim, besides helping at St. John's, works in the cafeteria during the dinner period. Taking up mechanical drawing, he is an excellent drawer. "Speedy" took an interest in the science club.

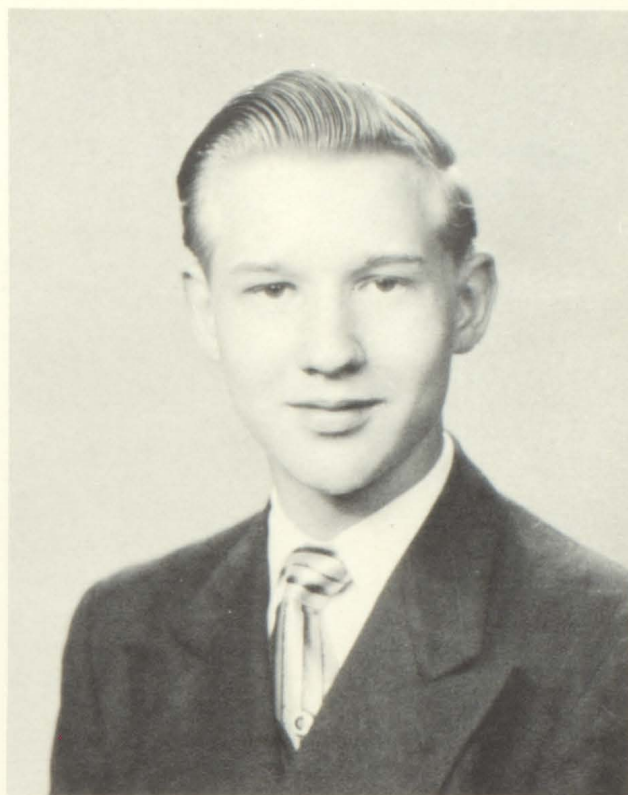


GARY LANTER, who was born on Feb. 23, 1935, comes from Cathedral's parish. Gary specialized in band, baseball, and basketball. He was co-captain for the basketball squad. A capable class officer for three years, he was made assistant social editor of the annual. A member of the choir, Gary is in the letterman's club.

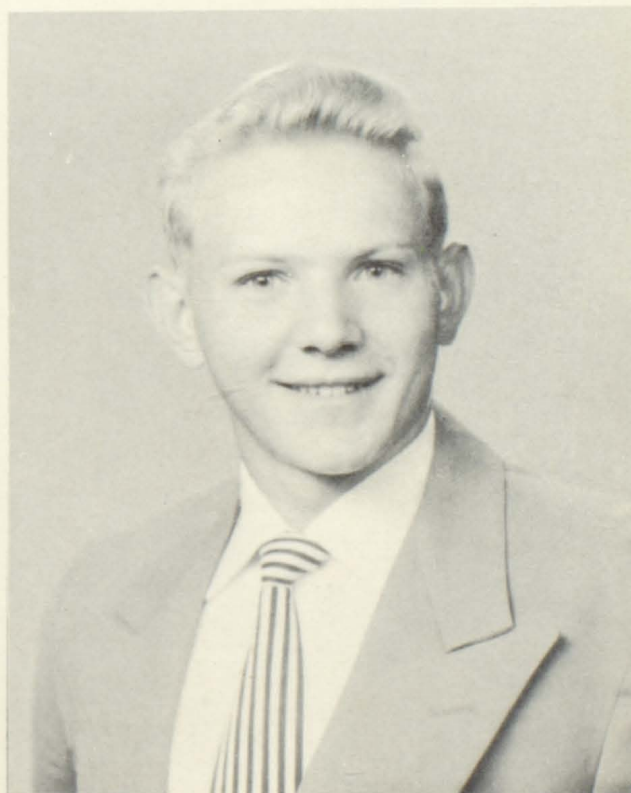


JOSEPH LETT, dependable and considerate, entered CHS from Blessed Sacrament grade school. Born August 1, 1935 in East St. Louis, Joe is the life of the party and especially interested in motors. Active in the Talent Show, he sang in the choir and glee club, and was a member of the yearbook staff his senior year.

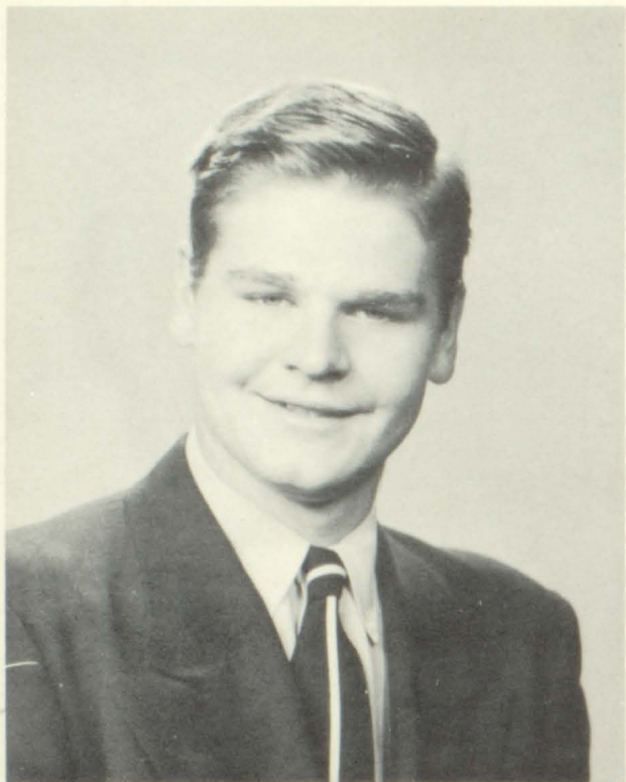
JACOB LIPPERT, president of the Credit Union, appeared in Mascoutah, September 25, 1935. Entering CHS, he became popular in sports, football, basketball, and baseball. He was co-captain of football and made the All-Star team. A member of the Central Committee, Jake was also editor-in-chief of the school paper this year.



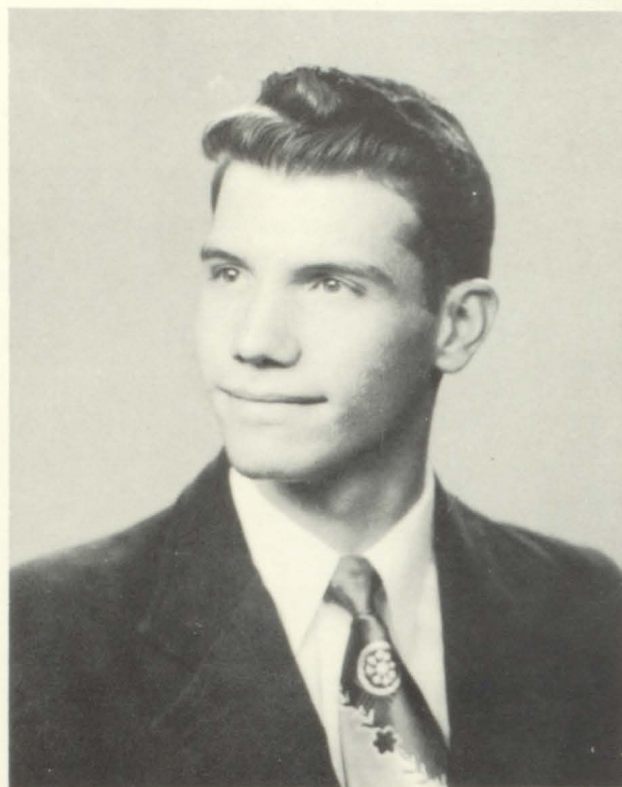
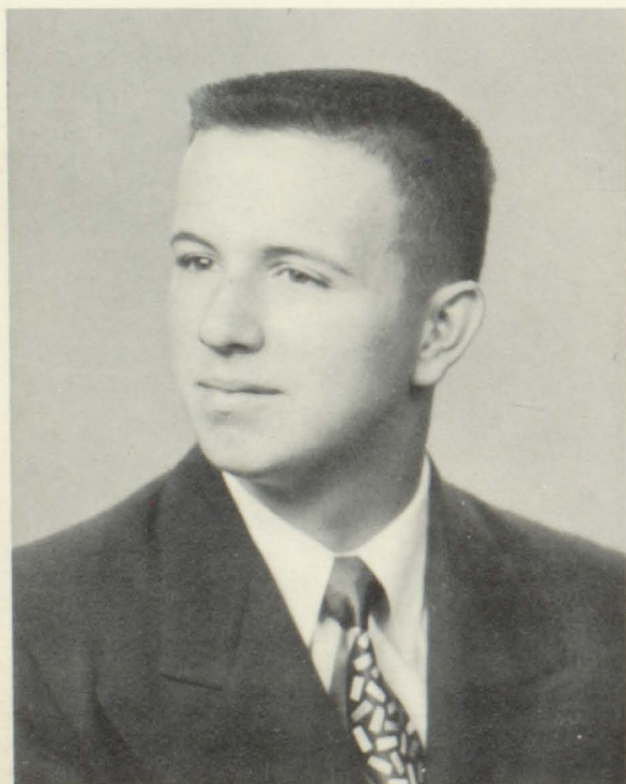
LAVERNE LEONARD entered Cathedral after finishing grade school at St. Teresa's. He has been active in the band all four years, being marching major this year. Len is a server and member of the choir. He helps to keep the cafeteria functioning at lunch. He was born November 30, 1935, bringing much happiness to Belleville.



SENIORS

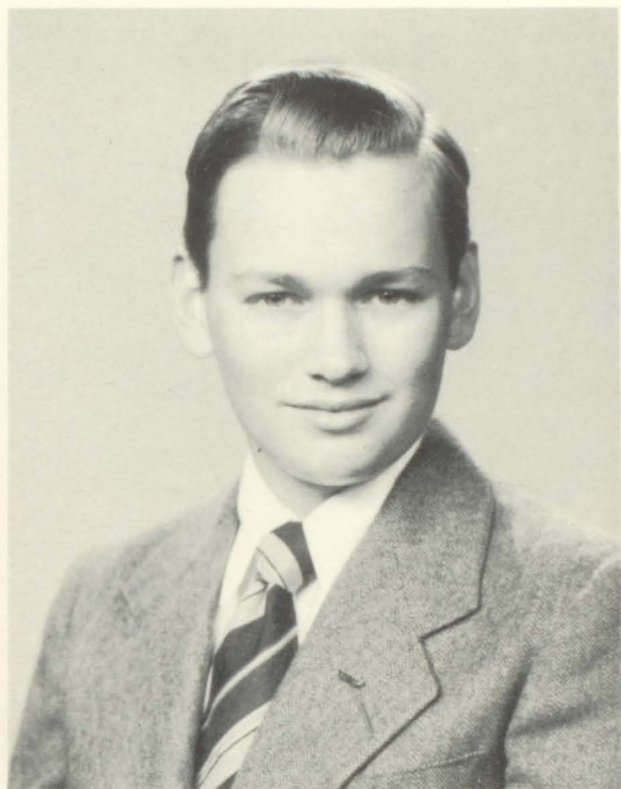


ROBERT LUSTER, St. James parish, Millstadt, was born Nov. 6, 1934 in Granite City, Ill. Interested in science, Bob joined the science club all four years and entered the science fair in his last two years. He participated in football and the talent show as a freshman. His final year Bob joined the school paper staff.

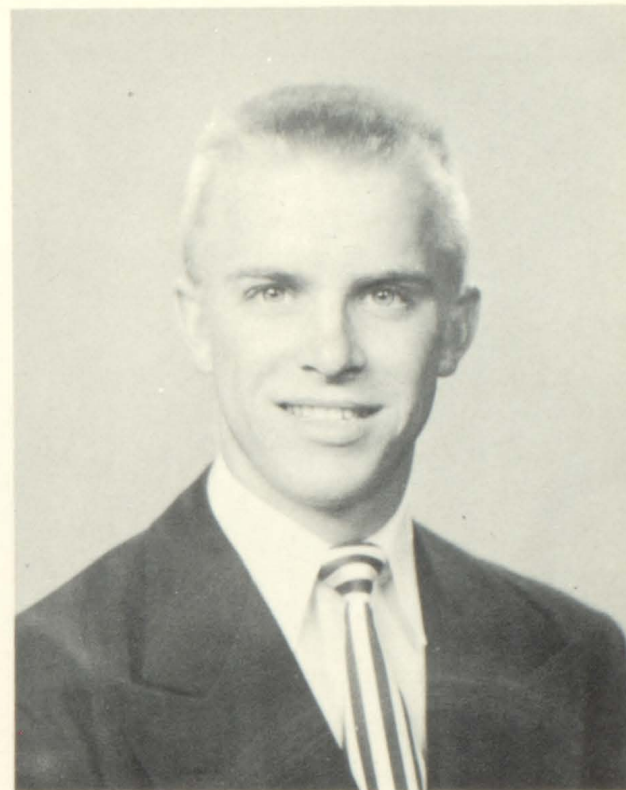


KENNETH METZE comes from St. Luke's parish. Kenny showed leadership as a class officer all four years, being elected president of the class of '53. He played baseball and was president of the high school bowling league. Kenny served on the paper staff, annual staff, and the central committee. He was born July 11, 1935.

BILL MILLER, born in Belleville Sept. 18, 1935, hails from Cathedral parish. Bill played baseball, basketball, and football all four years, being on the all-star team his last year of football. All four years Bill took part in the talent show. He played the drums in the band and received the honor service letter as a sophomore.



THOMAS MUELLER, who sounds a lively clarinet in the band, first tooted his horn here in Belleville, back on June 1, 1935. Tom has been a server in his parish, St. Luke's, his four years in high school. He was consistently rating the Honor Roll, earned his Honor Service Letter, and was an active member of the Science Club.

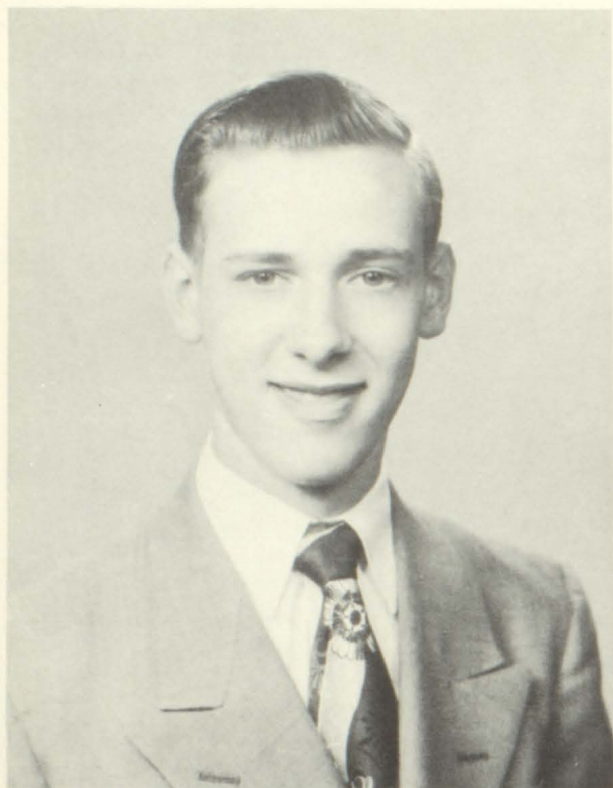


THOMAS MOLL, energetic business manager of the school paper, first looked around to see what he could see, February 24, 1935, out Mascoutah way. He entered CHS from Holy Childhood parish. Tom has been a member of the science club and active in the Talent Show. He has made Honor Roll and won his Honor Service Letter.

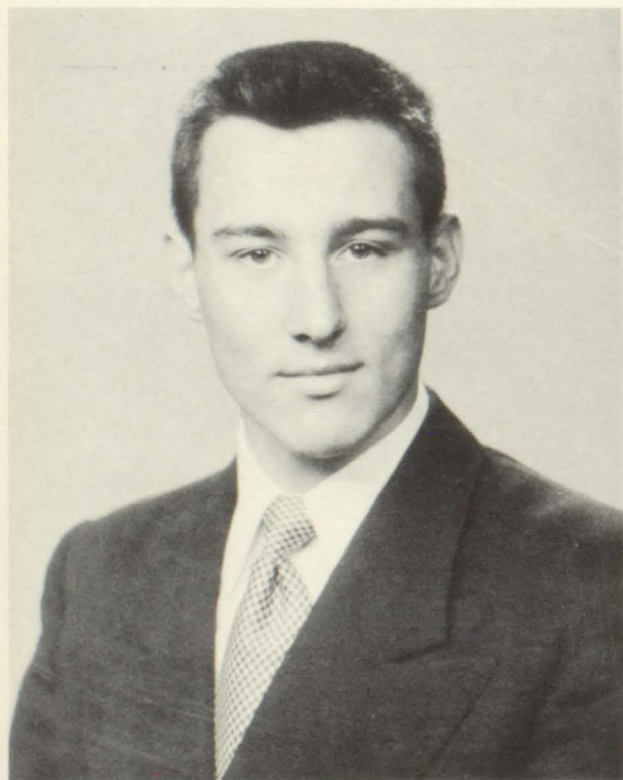


JOSEPH H. NEBGEN, sports editor of the yearbook, was born in Belleville, December 24, 1934 and attended Cathedral grade school. Football and baseball are his major sports. He is active in the band, glee club, letterman club, paper staff, and central committee. Joe has rated being a class officer each of his four years.

GRADS



JOSEPH NEFF, born December 8, 1935, entered CHS from Cathedral grade school. Joe has been active each of his four years as an officer, class representative and cafeteria worker. He has an enviable record of perfect attendance all four years. He is alumni columnist for the paper and a member of the science club.

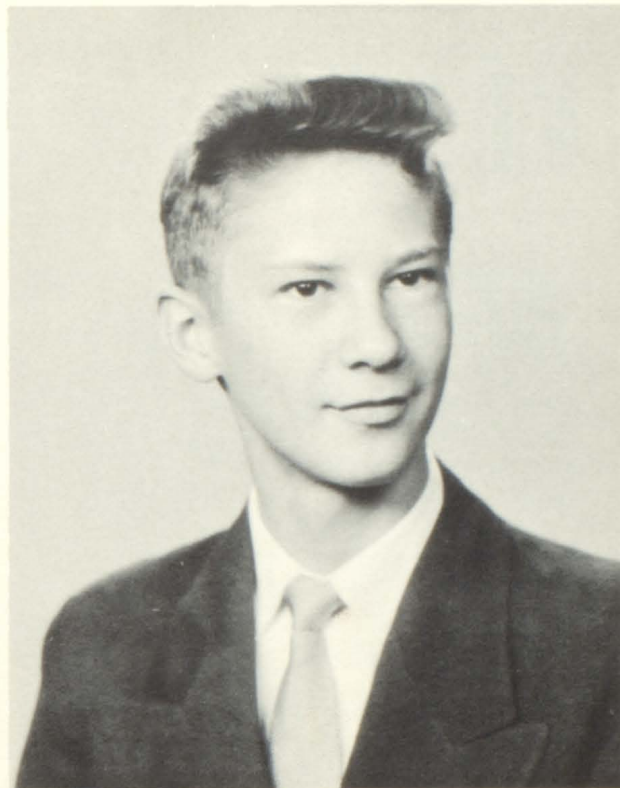


JOSEPH ORLET, noted sports editor of the school paper, wrote his first notice for the papers back in 1935, on May 21. Joe has been a server all four years in his parish, St. Mary's. Playing basketball and baseball all four years, he was co-captain of baseball his senior year.

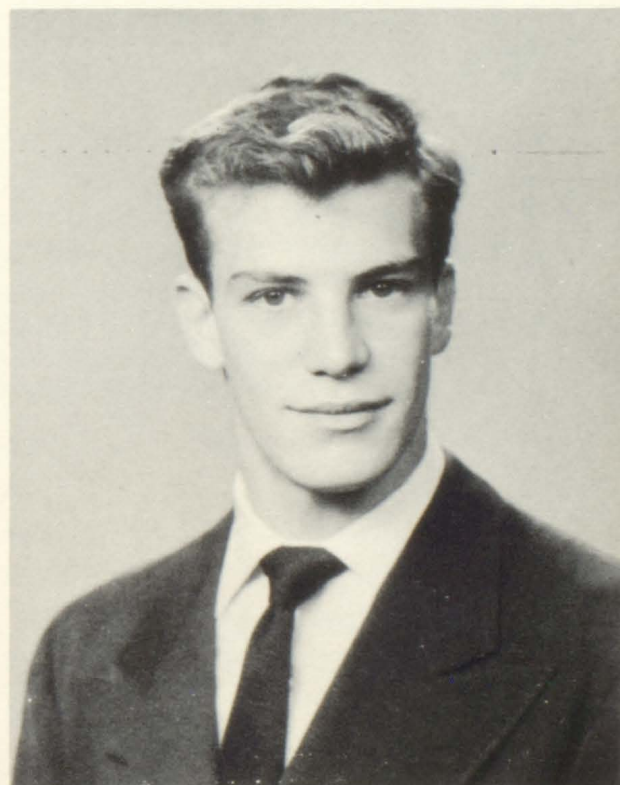


ROBERT REAL, born in San Francisco, California, January 9, 1936, entered Cathedral high school in his sophomore year. Bob lives on the Scott Air Force Base. Bob has rated the Honor Roll each year at CHS, has been a server at the Base and is assistant to the Social Editor of the annual.

JOHN SAX, surprised the world some years ago by making his appearance in Belleville, September 15, 1935. He is a member of Cathedral parish. Jack was on the bowling team three years and took part in the Talent Show. He was football manager as a freshman and is an assistant business manager for the year-book this year.

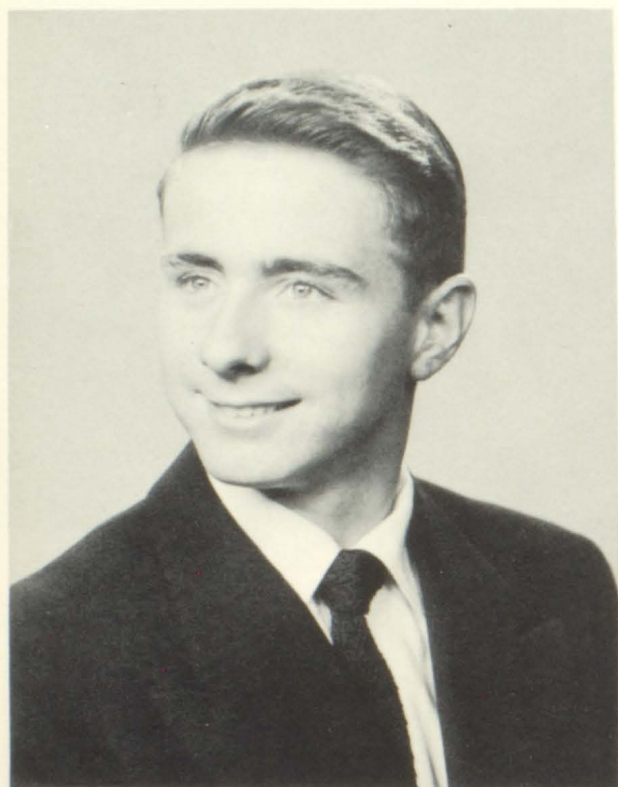


CHARLES E. SCHOBERT, born January 6, 1935, came to CHS from St. Teresa's parish. Chuck played baseball and football, being admired by teammates and opponents. A very popular man, he was elected to office in each of his homerooms. A frequent communicant, he also sang in the choir.



JOHN SCHULTE, of Cathedral parish, was born on May 16, 1935. Prefect of the Central Committee, co-captain of football, and a member of the All-Star team, Jack was also a member of the Letterman Club, a class officer each year and co-director of the Talent Show his senior year.

CLASS

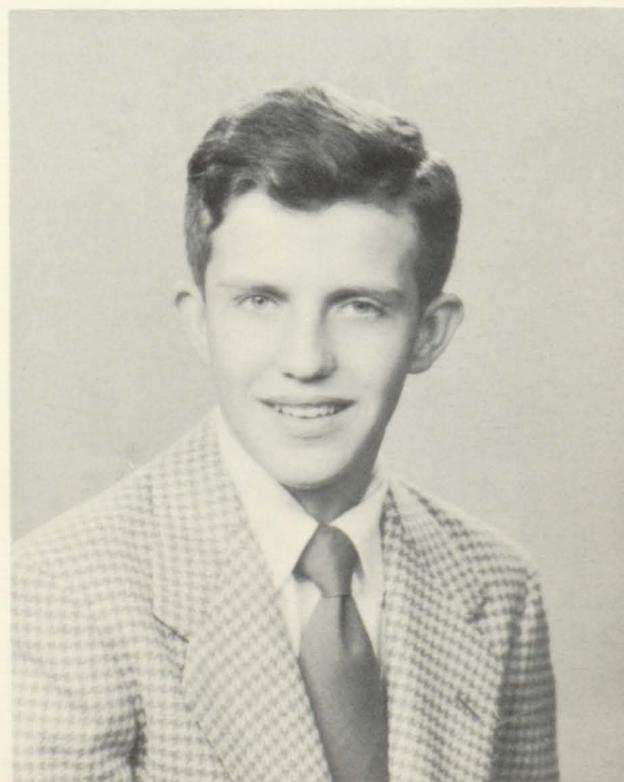


DENNIS SIMMONS first dropped in to spend some time with us human beings back on September 30, 1935. He says he belongs to Blessed Sacrament parish. Denny has been a member of the choir, the baseball team, the Letterman Club, and the Talent Show. He has done a bangup job as business manager for the senior yearbook.

JOHN SOUCY, vice-president of the Class of '53, is part of the westend crowd from Blessed Sacrament parish. Jack hits the hoop to score just at the right moments in basketball, writes for the school paper and is an assistant business manager for the annual. He is a server in his parish; in the Science Club and Letterman Club.



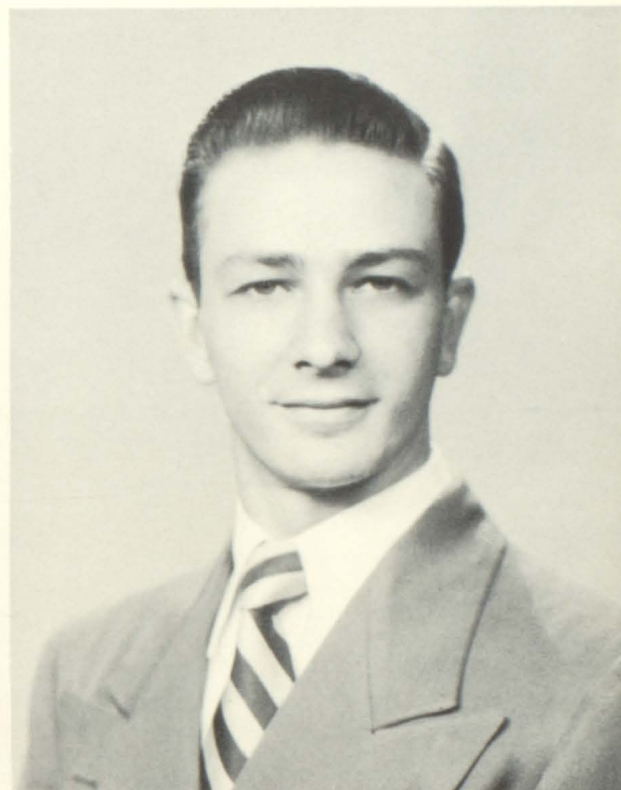
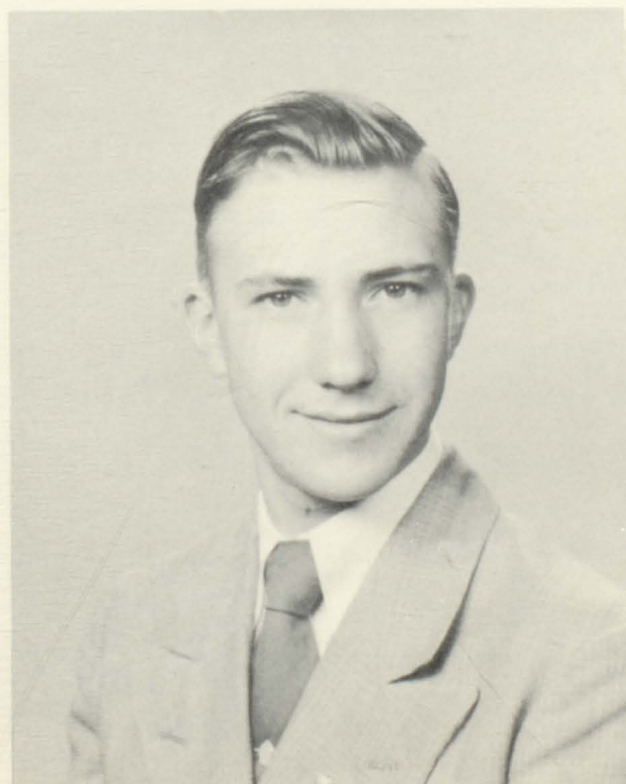
ROBERT SHAFFER, a member of Corpus Christi parish in Shiloh, first saw the light of day on March 15, 1935 down in Rolla, Missouri. A voracious reader, Bob, has loads of fun working mathematical problems. In his freshman and sophomore years he helped in the bookstore and in his senior year worked with the Catholic Digest Drive.



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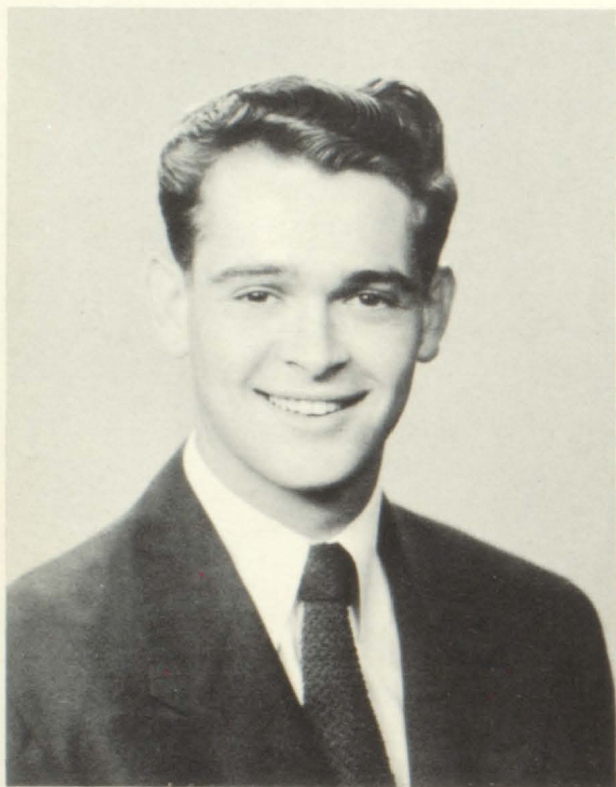


ROBERT THOUVENOT, treasurer of the class of '53, was born February 2, 1935 and is a member of St. Teresa's parish. Always popular, Bob majored in Baseball and in the band. He has served as class and sodality officer. Proud possessor of an Honor Service Letter since his sophomore year, Bob, has been invaluable about school.



THOMAS VANDER PLUYM, born July 11, 1935, entered CHS on a scholarship from St. Mary's parish. A very dependable man, Tom served on the Central Committee, sang in the choir, and worked in the cafeteria. Interested in science he joined the science club and entered the Science Fair each year. He also serves Holy Mass in his parish.

EDWARD E. WESSELMANN, born on November 7, 1935 at Pieron, Illinois. He entered Cathedral high school from Holy Childhood in Mascoutah. He is a server in his parish. A quiet, unassuming fellow, Ed, is quite popular with all the students and faculty and can be found working away each noon down in the busy cafeteria.

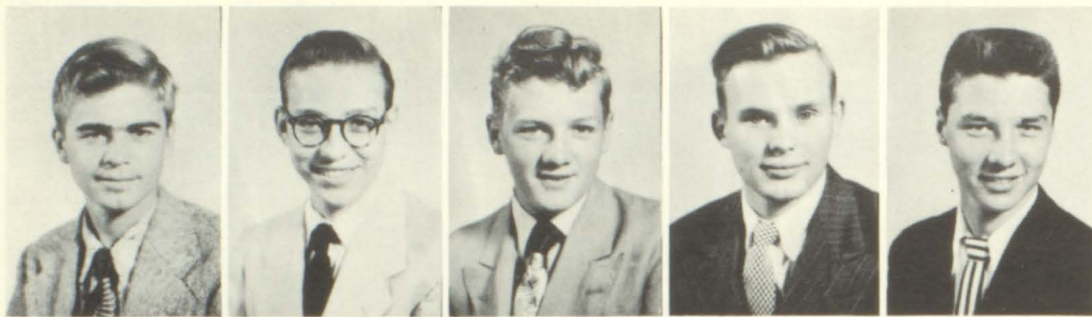


ROBERT WILTSHIRE, editor of the '53 yearbook, was born in East St. Louis on July 21, 1935. He entered CHS from Freeburg, Illinois. Bob has been chief percussionist in the band for four years, writer for the school paper and active in the Talent Shows each year. Holder of the Honor Service Letter, he is a member of St. Paul's, Freeburg.

Officers of the Class of '53: Charles Beck, secretary; Kenneth Metze, president; John Soucy, vice-president; and Robert Thouvenot, treasurer.







Agne, Raymond
Arey, Jim
Becherer, Ardell
Bene, John
Brandt, Robert



Buss, John
Caponi, Saverio
Cerneka, James
Farrow, William
Gagne, Paul



Giedeman, Robert
Klein, John
Koesterer, George
Krupp, Gerald
Long, John



Long, James
Mahlman, Leroy
McKinney, John
Monken, Glenn
Murphy, James



Neuner, Clarence
Raab, James
Schobert, Richard
Schrag, Robert
Voellinger, Stan



Wasser, Anthony
Wuerz, Don
Spivey, Thomas



Brother Francis Haug is probably showing Glenn Monken, Don Wuerz, Smokey Caponi and Rich Schobert some of his latest English jokes.

JUNIOR "A"

Junior A, under the direction of Brother Francis Haug, began a very industrious year by winning the annual Catholic Digest Magazine Subscription Drive, beating out Senior A

Leroy Mahlman, head of the student librarians, was assisted by Glenn Monken and John Klein, also juniors. Don Wuerz is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cathedral High School Credit Union.

In the sports world we were well represented, not only by the students but also by the coach of football and basketball. Those reporting for varsity

football were: Smokey Caponi, Jerry Krupp, Don Wuerz, Ray Agne, Rich Schobert, Jim Arey, Bill Farrow, and Clay Neuner. Caponi was a starting end. Jack Buss and J. J. McKinney and Stan Voellinger were the main prospects for varsity ball.

The lost and found department that was founded by Three-A when we were sophomores has been appreciated by every member of the student body. Our class officers were: Rich Schobert, president; Glenn Monken, vice-president; Don Wuerz, secretary; and Smokey Caponi, treasurer. We were also quite active in the Talent Show.



Bach, William
Blaes, Marvin
Conley, James
Conrad, Larry
Currie, Pat



Dreyer, Robert
Germann, Larry
Gill, James
Groesch, James
Heap, Donald



Heet, Gregory
Hettenhausen, D.
Houser, Alvin
Hund, Larry
Korte, Donald



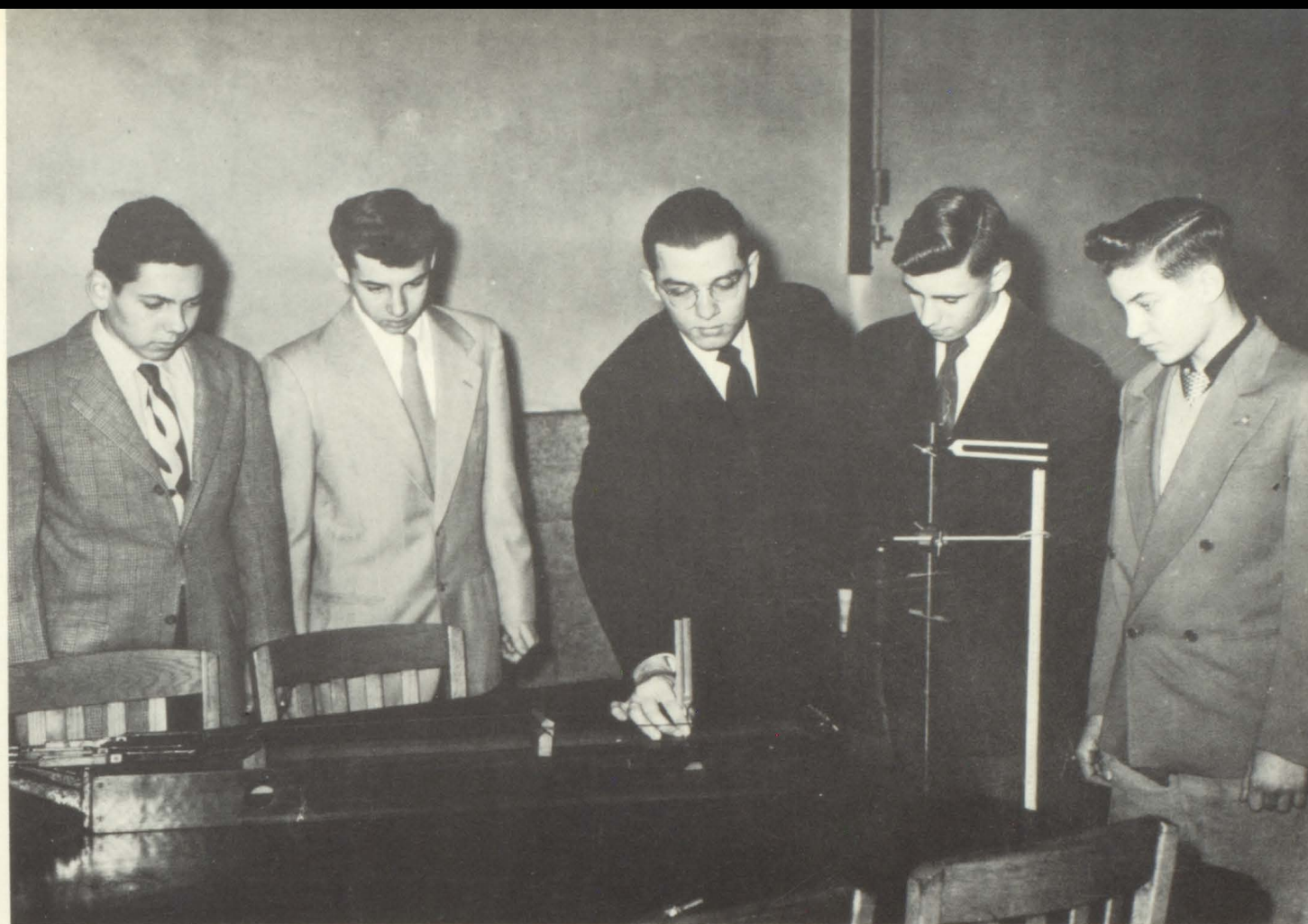
Lanter, Ronald
Luchtefeld, L.
Munie, Wayne
Schaefer, Fred
Schanuel, Lee



Scheibel, Ralph
Schwaegel, Joe
Schwarz, Gary
Taylor, David
Wagner, John



Wessel, Louis
Wilbret, Robert
Wuest, Larry



Brother Ralph Drees and his officers of Junior B, Bob Wilbret, Lee Schanuel, Gary Schwarz, and Larry Hund find physics interesting.

JUNIOR "B"

September ushered in the election of class officers. Those chosen were: Gary Schwarz, president; Lee Schanuel, vice-president; Bob Wilbret, secretary; and Larry Hund, treasurer. Those elected spiritual leaders were: Bucky Bach, prefect; Rich Wagner, secretary; Jim Groesch, eucharistic chairman; and Wayne Munie, mission chairman.

Upon hearing the spirited cry of The Crusaders, Greg Heet, Jim Gill, Bucky Bach, Jim Groesch, Jim Conley, Rich Wagner, Larry Wuest, and Marve Blaes donned their football togs and reported for varsity practice. We were represented on the basketball court by Marve Blaes and Rich Wagner.

The musically inclined members of

our class are: Ronnie Lanter, Joe Schwaegel and Wayne Munie.

Jim Gill, Jim Groesch, Jim Conley, Joe Schwaegel, Wayne Munie, Bucky Bach, Ralph Scheibel, and Marve Blaes were all active on the staff of the school paper.

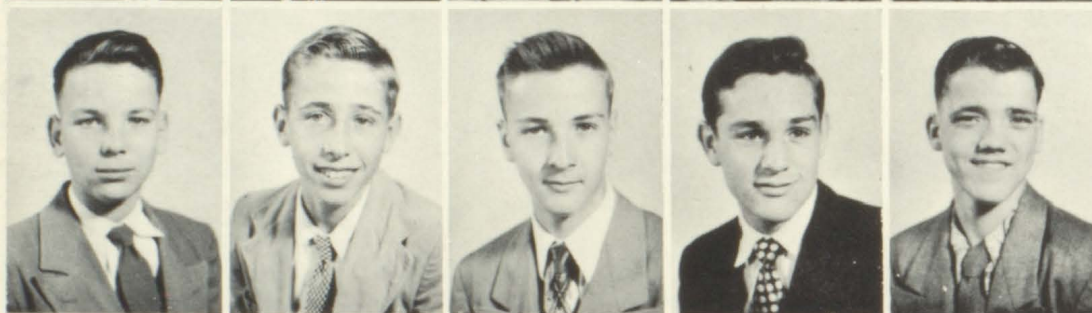
Junior B was under the direction of Brother Ralph Drees and was productive in all spiritual, scholastic, and extra-curricular activities. As we close this school year and look toward our last year, we hope all will remember to be as cooperative as seniors. Doing this, we will build a happy and strong future for ourselves and our country. Under Our Heavenly Mother's guidance we will work diligently for her Son's glory.



Abegg, Gerald
Baumann, Joseph
Becherer, Melvin
Buehler, Ralph
Butz, Francis



Clyne, Julius
Denny, Daniel
Dollus, Roger
Erlinger, James
Haas, Larry



LeChien, Eugene
Lotz, Fred
Love, James
Lugge, Ronald
Monken, Robert



Olson, Ronald
Pflugmacher, G.
Purcell, James
Reis, Thomas
Roberts, Robert



Sauerwein, Roger
Schmidt, Marty
Schmittling, R.
Schoener, Walter
Tedesco, Robert



Wade, Yorker
Woesthaus, John
Poettgen, Robt



Ronald Olson, Roger Dollus, Brother Norbert Kramer, Bob Tedesco, and Jim Erlinger, class president, plan their class meetings together.

SOPHOMORE "A"

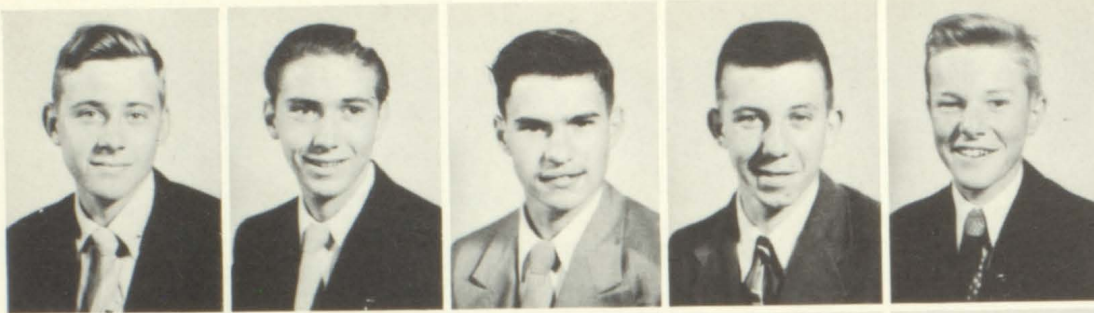
As 2-A looks back through the past year, with Brother Norbert as our instructor we feel we have had a superb year. We elected the following men to lead our class: Jim Erlinger, president; Bob Tedesco, vice-president; Ron Olson, secretary and prefect; and Roger Dollus, treasurer. Bob Monken is mission chairman; Ron Lugge, eucharistic chairman; and Julius Clyne, marian chairman.

Ron Lugge, Bob Monken, Jim Erlinger, Sonny Wade and Fred Lotz volunteered for football. Bob Tedesco, Jim Love and Gus Pflugmacher represented our class in basketball. The bowling

team members of our class were Johnny Woesthaus, Ralph Buehler and Ron Olson.

On the spiritual side, 2-A has always been proud of the large number of daily communicants. Since August we have had more than four hundred holy communions.

Julius Clyne is the scholastic leader of our class. He has an average of 95 per cent. We were well represented on the paper and annual staffs. We wish all our years to be as prosperous as this one has been.



Amann, Harold
Bossler, Robert
Burns, Ardell
Busch, Robert
Eschenfelder, Jack



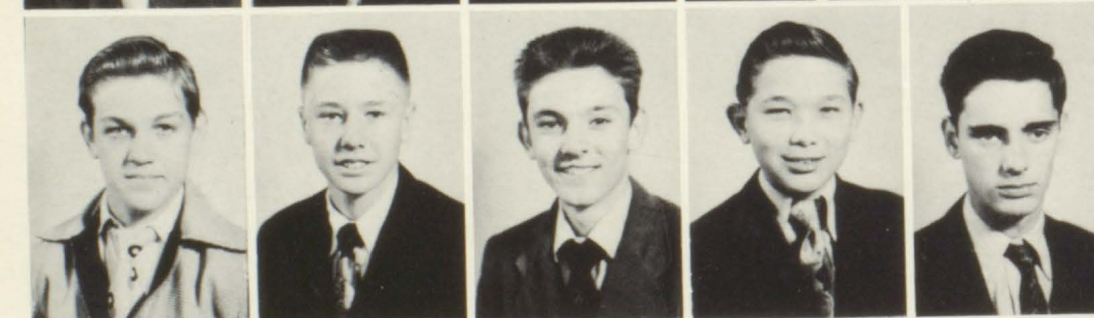
Friederich, James
Friess, David
Gass, Roger
Guetterman, Donald
Hanford, Gerold



Hartnagel, Albert
Havel, Paul
Hutsch, Michael
Isselhard, Roland
Keller, Donald



Laquet, Herbert
Lucash, Frank
Mathews, Anthony
Price, Richard
Schaefer, Donald



Schmittling, Wayne
Stehlick, Larry
Storner, Gerald
Von Bokel, Stanley
Wahlig, Richard



Westhoff, Brendan



Brother Adrian Janson, moderator of 2-B, checking some information with his officers: Gerry Hanford, Roger Gass, Herbert Laquet and Frank Lucash.

SOPHOMORE "B"

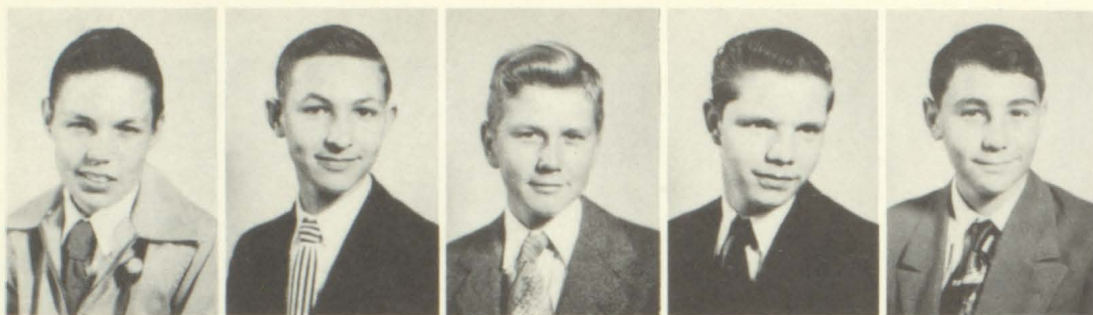
The class of 2-B has twenty-four students, conducted by Brother Adrian Janson, S.M. The class officers for this year are: Herbert Laquet, president; Roger Gass, vice-president; Frank Lucash, treasurer; and Gerry Hanford, secretary. Our class has a mission goal of fifty dollars. The men leading this are Mike Hutsch and Larry Stehlick.

Mike Hutsch, Bob Busch, David Friess, Gerry Hanford, Jerry Storer and Bob Bossler, 2-Bers, made the football varsity. Representing us on the basketball court were: Gerry Hanford, Bob Busch, and David Friess.

Our men on the diamond were: Bob Busch, Herbert Laquet, Dick Wahlig, Roger Gass, and Jerry Storer. The men on our bowling league were: Mike Hutsch, Frank Lucash, and Jim Friederich.

We participated in many activities other than sports. We had four men representing us on the paper staff. Six of our men had scientific leanings and were prominent enthusiasts on the science club.

Usually found on the honor roll were: Frank Lucash, Anthony Mathews, and Brendan Westhoff. We have had quite a successful year.



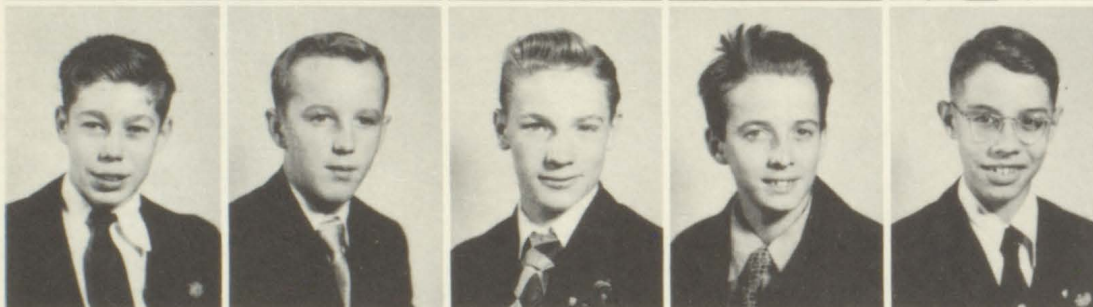
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Becker, Paul
Borowitz, Philip
Buettner, Richard
Cange, James



Christ, Paul
Dolansky, Albert
Forsyth, Alvin
Gansman, Kenneth
Giedeman, James



Hartoin, William
Hasenstab, Charles
Herbstreith, Gary
Herbert, Roger
Hildebrand, Donald



Klein, Donald
Knapp, William
Luechtefeld, Charles
Meehan, Larry
Metze, Jerry

Bro. Lloyd Misho, D. Von Bokel, R. Appel, E. Rheinecker, C. Reinhardt, R. Wuest, P. Becker, P. Christ.

FRESHMAN

"A"



Freshman A was under the able guidance of Brother Lloyd Misho. Working with Brother Lloyd were: Robert Appel, president; Elmer Rheinecker, vice-president; Paul Becker, secretary; and Roger Wuest, treasurer.

Our spiritual officers were: Paul Becker, sodality prefect; Paul Christ, mission chairman; Dennis Von Bokel, eucharistic chairman; and Charles Reinhardt, marian chairman.

Participating in the school band were

Kenneth Gansman, Paul Becker, Dennis Schaefer, and John Tolan.

The following men represented our class in sports: Robert Appel, Ken Gansman, James Giedeman, Chuck Hasensstab, Donald Klein, Chuck Luechtefeld, Keith Neu, Ray Pitts, Elmer Rheinecker, James Riedel, John Tolan, Paul Becker, Richard Buettner, Alvin Forsyth, William Hartoin, Roger Herbert, Bill Knapp, William Stock, and Ronny Thomas.

Our year has been successful both spiritually and scholastically.

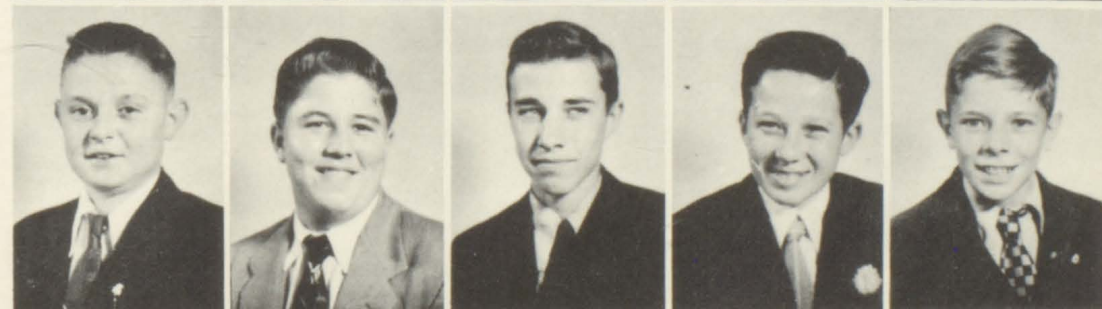
Mueller, Charles
Pitts, Ray
Neu, Keith
Reinhardt, Charles
Renth, Alvin



Riedel, James
Rheinecker, Elmer
Rinck, Don
Schaefer, Dennis
Schniers, Larry



Speichinger, Paul
Stock, William
Thomas, Ronald
Tolan, John
Voellinger, James

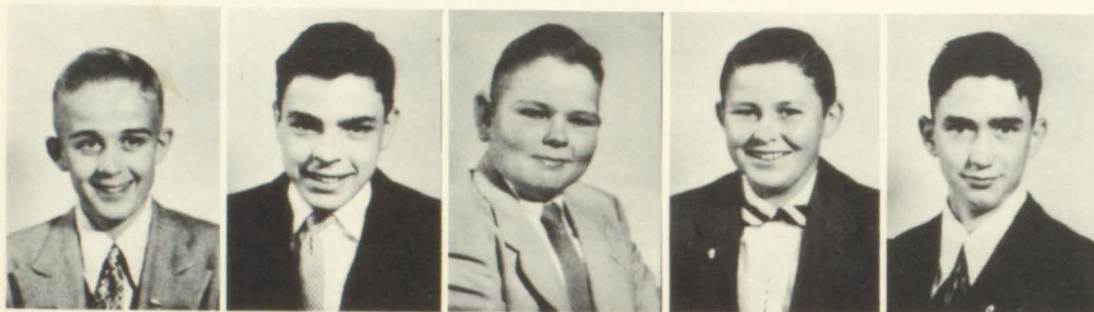


Vogt, James
Von Bokel, Dennis
Wiemann, Donald
Wuest, Roger
Zacharski, Gerald



In September, 1952, a large number of freshmen started their high school careers. Our home room 1-B with forty-three students has completed the first year in Cathedral High under the direction of Brother Francis Heidemann. At our first class meeting we elected our officers as follows: P. Bauer, president; I. Fries, vice-president; J. Carpenter, secretary; and T. Cerneka, treasurer.

As sodality officers we chose Manfred Pagel, prefect, and Richard Degen, mission chairman. All helped to bring our class meetings and activities to a success. A splendid cooperation we had at our food drive at Christmas. In sports we were well represented in football, basketball, and baseball. Many of our students gained places on the honor roll. We also worked on the paper staff.



Agne, Norman
Augustine, Paul
Bauer, Paul
Bauer, Richard
Briesacher, Herbert



Brockel, David
Carpenter, James
Cerneka, Thomas
Degen, Richard
Ebner, John



Fries, Irvin
Glaus, Ralph
Helfrich, Cliff
Joellenbeck, R.
Kaufhold, Roger

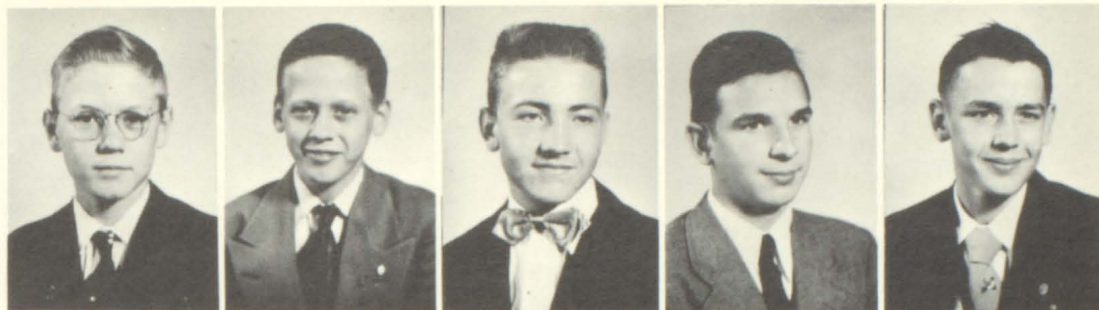


Kiefer, Thomas
Killebrew, Richard
Koesterer, John
Korte, Jerry
Kuper, Ronald

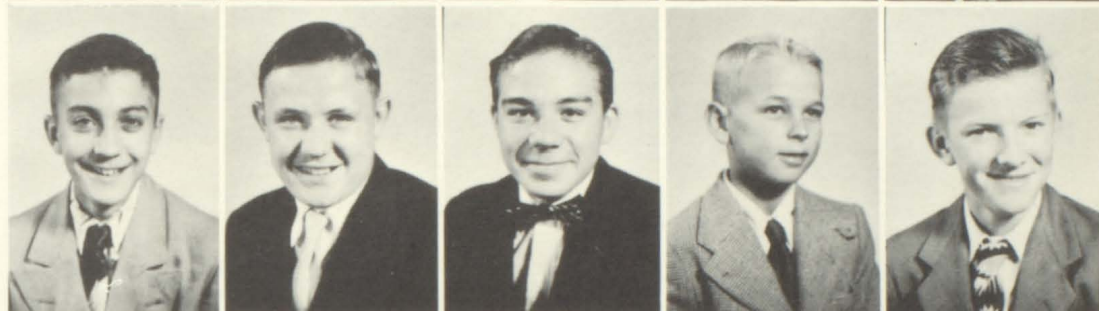


Mathews, Allen
Muckensturm, Larry
Mulconnery, Larry

Neff, Elmer
Neff, Robert
Niemann, Michale
Pagel, Manfred
Peters, Jack



Polito, Anthony
Rickert, James
Roediger, Ronald
Schilling, Tony
Schlarmann, Herbert



Schreiber, George
Speichinger, William
Stenger, Ralph
Thien, Leonard
Walker, Robert



Wessel, James
Wilson, Wayne
Wimpe, Lawrence
Zacharski, Edward
Zipfel, Marion



Brother Francis Heidemann, James Carpenter, Paul Bauer, Irvin Fries, and Tom Cerneka.



FRESHMAN

"B"

OUR WORKING CITY

Located in St. Clair County which is second only to Cook County, Belleville serves needed articles to close to 180,000. Over 700 retail establishments are located in the city as well as a number of wholesale outlets. Four banks and six savings and loan associations have combined total resources of \$65,000,000.

Many Products

Belleville has some sixty-six industries. It manufactures stoves, iron and aluminum castings, ranges, industrial machinery, and machine parts, tools, cigars, beer, shoes, dresses, trousers, caskets, stencil machines, nails, monuments, venetian blinds, foods and many other items necessary to the everyday living and the luxury tastes of the nation.

Farming Too

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Commercial Gardening

The metropolitan area of St. Louis provides a steady market for garden products and the Belleville environs engage in vegetable gardening to a large extent. Sweet corn, horseradish, tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, spinach, cabbage, asparagus, watermelon and small fruits are the principal products.

Industries producing manufactured goods normally employ 4,500 people. The majority are skilled workmen. About seventeen stove and allied industries normally employ 2,000 people. They too, are skilled in their respective work.

Big Payrolls

Belleville also manufactures coal, gas and wood ranges, room and water heaters, both for coal and gas, and furnaces. Stove and allied industries dominate the industrial life of Belleville. About 1,975 skilled workmen earn an annual payroll of nearly five million dollars.

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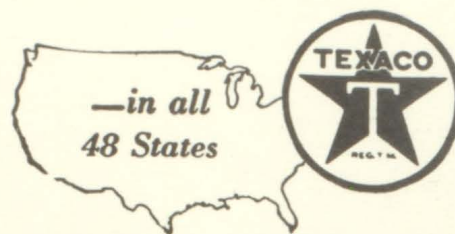
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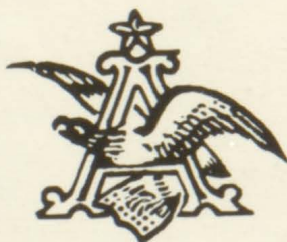


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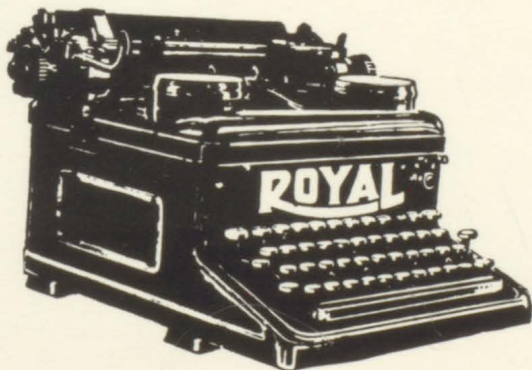
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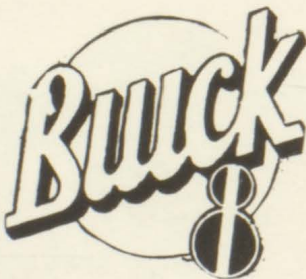


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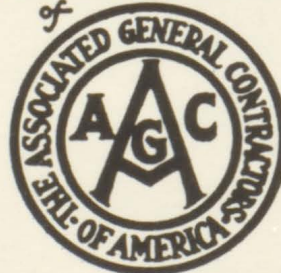
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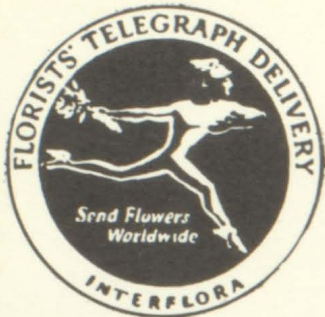
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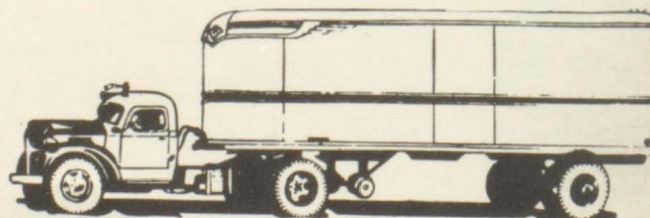
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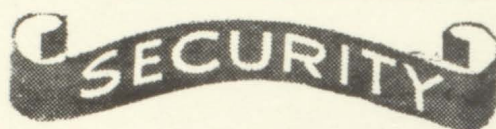
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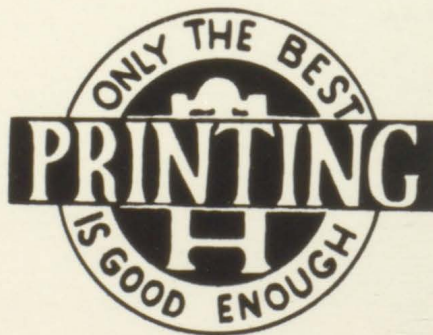
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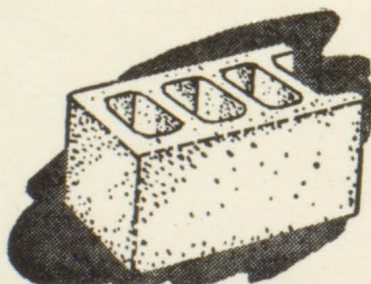
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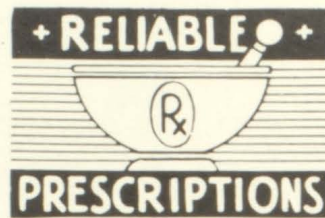
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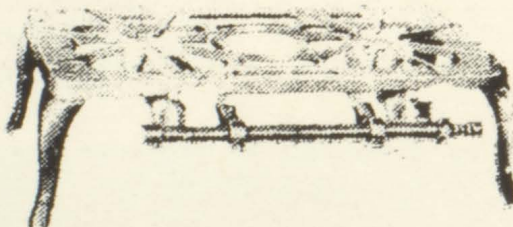
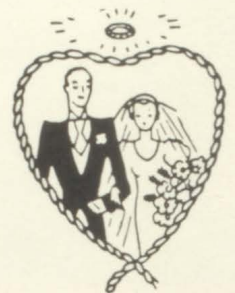
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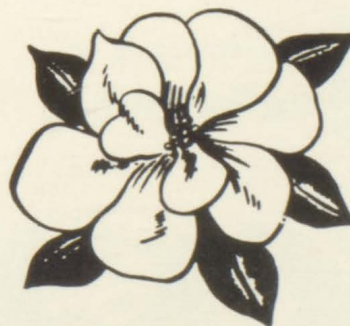
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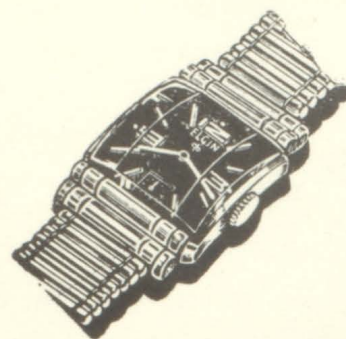
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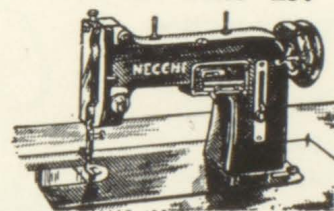
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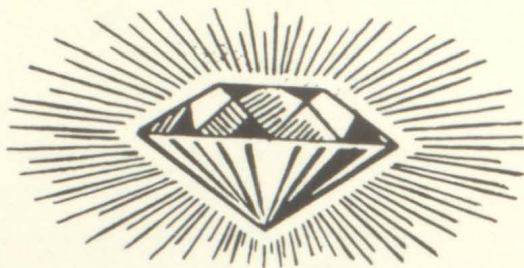
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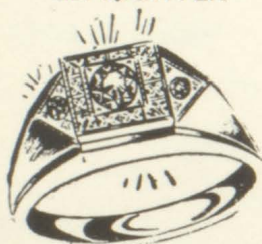
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AUGUST

- 29 School begins. Already?

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Miller falls asleep.
3 Hund gets name changed.
9 Thouvenot hurls no-hitter.
13 St. Mary's 7, CHS 0.
17 Heidorn falls in mud. Cleans up.
29 Hall loses glasses, tackles the goal post.

OCTOBER

- 2 Pictures taken for yearbook.
3 CHS 19, Chaminade 12. Whoopee!
9 Metze in attic, sticks foot thru.
10 Ketterer locks car keys inside.
13 Magazine drive opens.
16 Dean's name day.
17 Airplane crashes. Real charged.
19 Hoffman back from vacation.
23 Teachers' meetings. Two free days.
29 Mock election in cafeteria.
30 Simmons wins \$40 jackpot.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Nebgen gets caught skipping.
6 Langford gets sprayed in physics.
11 Joe finds it unwise to stick finger in light socket.
17 Basketball practice begins.
26 Football Dance. Jean Pflugmacher is crowned queen.
29 First snow. Soucy hibernates.

DECEMBER

- 3 Retreat begins. Silence reigns.
5 Retreat ends. Bedlam resumes.
12 Carlyle 46, CHS 48. Buss hits 25.
22 CHS 49, St. Dominic 41.
23 Talent Show. Christmas vacation.

JANUARY

- 5 Classes (ugh) resume.
6 Father Juergens visits.
7 Wiltshire decides to be a hermit.
8 New bleachers arrive for gym.
13 Crusaders crush Coyle, 45-31.
15 Exams begin. Butz has operation.
19 Report cards. Oh no!

- 20 CHS 48, Freeburg 45. Oh happy day!
21 Bro. Hoeffken inspects school.
26 CHS 66, St. Francis 46.
27 Juniors and Seniors get TB shots.
30 St. Peter's 36, CHS 54.
31 Koehr wins essay contest.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Bach becomes mayor for a day.
3 Crusaders beat St. Mary's, 43-37.
4 Beck begins shooting students for the best of yearbooks.
5 Bus garage burns. Students watch.
12 Free. CHS 61, Coyle 55.
18 Ash Wednesday. Leonard gives up homework.
19 CHS 72, St. Francis 51.

MARCH

- 1 Father-Son Banquet. Mother work!
5 Luster resolves not to blow school skyward with his experiments.
9 Lanter wins fortune at Kelly pool.
15 Baseball players pooped at workouts.
30 Determan almost killed in snack bar riot. Moll loses some business.

APRIL

- 1 Easter vacation begins at noon.
5 Easter.
7 Classes resume.
9 Klapp's dream comes true. Cleans a 53 Caddy.
14 Scientists attend Science Fair. We win awards.
15 Springfield Junior College Choral Club Concert. Overflow crowd.
20 Lett buys full race cam in attempt to win a drag.
27 Bishop's birthday.
30 Sax goes bankrupt in bookkeeping!

MAY

- 5 Orlet and Kassebaum sign contracts.
14 Appel and Forrest skip. Ascension.
20 Beck locked in darkroom.

JUNE

- 1 Class Day exercises.
5 Graduation in the Cathedral.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

'49-'50

We entered Cathedral High School in 1949. Fifty-seven strong, we were divided into two homerooms under Brothers Francis Heidemann and Norbert Kramer. We were very active in sports with twenty ambitious froshies in football, eleven in basketball and fifteen on the freshman-sophomore baseball team.

We had our share of brains as well as brawn with the steady thirteen who always appeared on the honor roll. In science, the freshmen forged ahead by starting a science club under the direction of Brother Alphonse Scherer. We owe a debt of gratitude to our homeroom moderators, Brother Francis and Brother Norbert for their guidance in school spirit and in devotion to Mary.

'50-'51

The beginning of our sophomore year found our classmates divided into new homerooms with Brothers Francis Haug and Francis Heidemann as guides. Jack Schulte and Kenny Metze led the groups as presidents. We were beginning to get the old Cathedral High Spirit.

As a result of getting in the groove eight sophs donned football togs and played varsity. During basketball season we placed ten on the team. When baseball rolled around there were eleven of our fighting sophs doing a bang-up job on the diamond. John Soucy, Tom Mueller, Tom Forrest, Bob Real and Bob Wiltshire led the sophs on the honor roll.

'51-'52

Forty-six in number we dived into our junior year with Brothers Andrew Psotka and Henry Collins acting as our guiding lights. We immediately realized that this was to be a year of trials for we were being trained to be the senior leaders of '53! Several distinguished themselves on the gridiron. We were also active in the band, the school paper and the sodality.

During this year we ironed out our shortcomings and evolved into a group of intelligent gentlemen. Those of us who survived the year in sufficiently good condition to become seniors were delighted with the good success that was ours.

'52-'53

August 29, 1952. This date will always be remembered as the beginning of the happiest days in the life of forty-three students at good old CHS. We were beginning a year, our senior year, a year packed with spiritual, educational, and athletic experiences. Following the guidance of Brother Michael Brangan and Father Alphonse Piekarski, everyone shared in all the good things that Cathedral has to offer.

We have learned the importance of working together to accomplish the desired ends. We must pray and live a truly Christian life during the remaining days of our lives under the protection of our Blessed Mother.



We had loads of fun at the pep rally!

Metze and Hoffmann practice for tournament!



